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Irresponsible Statements Now To Be Curbed

H.K. WATCHED WITH GROWING CONCERN

Tokyo, To-day.

Huge quantities of Belgian and Czecho-Slovakian arms and ammunition, seized by the Japanese in Tsingtao last month, were sold and brought to China by British "merchants of death," states the "Nichi-Nichi."

The paper adds that if Britain really wishes to maintain neutrality in the current Sino-Japanese dispute, she should follow the example of France, which recently declared an embargo on the export of arms to China and banned transportation of war supplies through Indo-China.

The paper concludes that the Japanese Government is watching with concern growing imports of war supplies through Hong Kong. — Reuter.

CHINESE ADOPT SHOCK TACTICS

Hsuehchow, To-day.

The Japanese forces, fully occupied by the operations along the Hwai River, have been surprised by extensive Chinese activities in the area west of the southern section of the Tsin-Pu Railway, according to the latest military report.

As a result of a series of lightning attacks, Chinese troops are surrounding Kocheng, Fengyang and Shuengyao and have cut all lines of communications.

Japanese troops were ambushed midway on their retreat from Shuengyao and suffered hundreds of casualties before they were dispersed. The Chinese forces are now in full control of Kocheng and Shuengyao.

Hostilities on the northern bank of the Hwai River were quieter yesterday and the situation, generally, shows no change as the Japanese have failed in their thrusts on the new Chinese positions. — Hua Nan.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXPERT INTRIGUES

Washington, To-day.

It is reliably reported that parliamentary means will be taken to discourage what the Administration considers to be irresponsible statements and tactics concerning the nation's foreign policy within Congress.

The decision follows a conference between President Roosevelt and Mr. S. D. McReynolds, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the House of Representatives.

The Administration does not favour the King-Maverick resolutions asking for an international peace conference, and it is believed that neither they nor the testimony of Congressman Hamilton Fish (Rep.) before the House Naval Committee, advocating the United States giving Japan an equal navy, will evoke any real support from either House.

SHAMELESS POLITICS

Members of the Administration were particularly aroused by the statements of Hamilton Fish which are characterised as shameless politics.

Mr. Hamilton Fish is accused of advocating a policy which his party would never endorse if it was in power.

Speculation has been aroused by the appointment of Adolph Berle, one of the original members of President Roosevelt's "Brains Trust" and long the close adviser of the President, as Assistant Secretary of State.

SPECIAL TASK

Mr. Berle is reported to have been given a special assignment for a few months to assist President Roosevelt draft plans for international appeasement, but State Department officials have no confirmation of this. — Reuter.

FIRST POLAR RESCUE ATTEMPT ABANDONED

Moscow, To-day.

The attempt to rescue by air the Soviet scientists marooned on a drifting ice floe was temporarily abandoned yesterday, when the ice on which the aeroplanes had been landed from the ice breaker Taimyr, began to shift under a strong south-west wind.

The planes had to be hastily dismantled and re-embarked. — Reuter.

CHINESE CONCENTRATION AT HOFEI

Nanking, To-day.

Japanese military circles state that the Chinese have concentrated a number of regiments in the neighbourhood of the town of Hofei, in central Anhwei, apparently with the object of making an attempt to outflank the Japanese detachments which are advancing north along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and to prevent them from taking part in the fighting for possession of Hsuehchow.

The Japanese command has ordered an attack on Hofei where

BLACK-OUT ON MONDAY WEEK: CAR LIGHTING

It is officially notified that a "black-out" similar to that of 9th December last will probably be effected on 28th February, 1938, between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. and regulations under the Lighting Control Ordinance, 1936, for this purpose are at present under consideration.

Motorists are warned that the restrictions on lights on vehicles are likely to be considerably more stringent than on the former occasion and may include the following:

Prohibition of head lamps, rear "stop" lights and illuminated direction indicators.

Lights to be limited to two side lights and one rear light.

No lamp exceeding six candle-power to be used.

Glasses of lamps in use to be covered with at least one thickness of white or yellow tissue paper or other material having the same obscuring effect.

a big engagement is expected to take place during the next few days. — Trans-Ocean.

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IN THE KITCHEN

TRY THESE RECIPES FROM AMERICA

APPLE-SCOTCH TART

Make a short pastry and line a cooking plate with it. For the filling you will want:

- 1 lb. apples.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint water.
- 2 ozs. flour.
- 1 oz. margarine.
- 1 lb. brown sugar.
- 2 teaspoons vinegar.
- Pinch of salt.
- 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Peel, core and slice the apples. Cook $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar with water and vinegar until it boils, then add the apples and simmer till tender. Remove the apples from the syrup. Mix the remaining sugar with the flour and salt and add slowly to the syrup, stirring until it thickens. Remove from the stove and add the margarine and vanilla. Leave to cool slightly while you fill the pastry with the cooked apples. Pour over the "scotch" mixture and cover with a criss-cross of pastry strips. Bake in a quick oven.

A NEW WAY WITH LIVER

Pour boiling salted water over beef or calves' liver and let it simmer just long enough for the blood to coagulate. Remove the tough skin and put the liver through the mincer. Season with salt and a little onion juice and moisten with some of the water in which it was simmered. Shape into rolls; wrap a slice of bacon round each roll and secure with a sharpened matchstick. Grill under a low flame until the bacon is crisp.

OLD HOMESTEAD PUDDING

Cream 2oz. of shortening with 4oz. of soft sugar. Add a well-beaten egg and beat well. Sift in 8oz. flour with a teaspoon baking powder and a pinch of salt, alternately with $\frac{1}{4}$ pint of milk. Flavour with vanilla and bake in greased muffin tins in a hot oven for about fifteen minutes. Serve very hot with a very cold sauce made as follows:—Beat two eggs until light and frothy. Add 3oz. sugar and continue to beat. Whip $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of cream until really stiff, then fold into the egg mixture. Flavour with vanilla, or any other flavouring preferred, and chill until required.

YOUR FACE—

and How To Correct It's Defects



Should you be one of those who can face a magnifying mirror without wincing, stop right where you are! This piece is not intended for the likes of you. For we are dealing frankly with the subject of minor skin imperfections that make such major nuisances of themselves in life—the large pores, the blackheads, the bumps. And because we feel that this is a subject that should be covered in succinct fashion, we are adopting practically a clinical approach.

To begin with, too few people realise what really causes these flaws in the skin. They aren't just a malicious gesture of fate; they are a definite result of what goes on, or doesn't go on, in your own system. The pores of the skin are the outlets of a complicated glandular system. It is through these tiny tubular exits that the natural oils are released onto your skin. When your system is functioning properly, when circulation is in good order, the pores do their work as part of a well-regulated machine and keep their proper minute size. When the machine gets out of order—when you are eating badly, don't have proper elimination, are run-down—the pores relax and don't function. The oils that should be released grow heavy, stay right in the little tubes and stretch them, and you have enlarged pores.

BLACKHEADS



But enlarged pores don't just remain as such. They develop into blackheads or whiteheads. When the waxy substance in the pore reaches the surface of the skin, it attracts dirt and make-up like a magnet, and you have a blackhead, or a *point noir* as the French euphoniously describe it. If a blackhead becomes infected, it evolves into a pimple. If the wax-like matter stays just below the surface, sealed over with a layer of skin, there is a whitehead. Despite the fact that such things are a nuisance and are persistent, they can be gotten rid of, provided one is willing to expend effort and patience. (This counsel, incidentally, must be understood to apply only to minor skin troubles. Any one with acne or any recurring skin infection should consult a dermatologist and follow his instructions to the letter).

Any attack against such difficulties should be started mainly from within on a dietary basis. Summer is a good time, anyway, to emphasize fruits and vegetables and salads in a diet, and cut down on sweets and heavy foods, and these are factors that react in a remarkably short time on the appearance of the skin. Also, drinking more water and fruit-juices and less alcohol makes you cooler and more comfortable in hot weather, and this is definitely important in getting your system in good working order, so that circulation is properly up and doing.

SOAP AND WATER



The other general phase of the attack lies from without, because the average skin that develops blemishes has slow capillary circulation, especially as you grow older, and local stimulus must be applied. Perhaps you hadn't considered soap and water under such a formal heading, but washing your face is one of the very best methods of getting up the circulation. Also, circulation creams and ointments are good corrective measures, because, by stimulating, they help the skin to throw off impurities. But what about the more immediate corrective steps for refining the surface of the skin, where the imperfections are all too evident to the naked eye?

The refining treatments that you give yourself to get rid of these imperfections should be carried on at night, before you go to bed. First, you get your face scrupulously clean. If you are such a devotee of cream cleansing that you won't omit it even for treatments, you can use the cream first, but be sure to follow it with warm water and soap or soap grains used with a facial scrub-brush or cloth of Turkish towelling, or special little cleansing packs. The frictions and the heat of these help to soften and draw the impurities in the pores, so that they are easier to dislodge.

HOME TREATMENT



For blackheads, use what is known as a comedon extractor. Sterilise the instrument (in antiseptic solution or in a match flame) and fit it over the enlarged pore, pressing out the secretions. When you have such treatments in a salon, the operators use their fingers protected with tissues for the pressure, but their fingers are trained to provide even pressure, whereas your own may bruise the

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SELF STYLING

Is Your Neckline Becoming?

Faces are set off by necklines a good deal as jewels are set off by mountings. According to the shape, size, colour and character of a gem is its mounting designed, and so the form of a face, the contour of the throat and the planes of the head should determine the type of neckline to be worn.

The face is the dominant theme in this trio, for it is expressive and responsive; we question it and are answered. We want to make it as beautiful as possible, and if it has defects, to correct them.

In achieving this, certain rules are important—although at times we cannot follow them literally. They are founded on obvious facts. A short face, for instance, can be made to appear longer by a deep V-shaped neckline. A long face achieves apparent abbreviation by a rounded contour at the throat. A square jaw is subdued by an oval décolletage.

Yet, logical as these observations are, they break down at times. They break down when face, neck and head are not all of the same type and when, considered together, they compose a unit which is not a repetition of the contour of the face alone. A long face, for example, may be set on a short neck, and the breadth of the head may be a trifle disharmonious, with the slender physiognomy.

COMPLEX PROBLEM

In such a composite silhouette which factor should determine the neckline? We have said that the face is of paramount interest, which would seem to answer the question; but because what would have been becoming to it had throat and head conformed to its character, will be found unbecoming in view of their failure to do so, we are confronted by a complex problem, and one which is best solved by the trial and error method in front of a mirror.

The writer has found that an asymmetrical neckline is most often the answer for by this means attention can be drawn, at various points, away from the disharmonies. For instance, in the example cited, the short neck can be lengthened by a line that slopes away diagonally from the left side of the throat past the centre of the chest to a point at the right. The collar or drapery used to soften this line needs to be absolutely flat so as not to huddle the throat; but at the termination a long, soft bow, perhaps passing through a slash in the frock, and stressed by a colourful ornament, would tend to draw attention away from the broad head by setting up a rivalry with it. To shorten a little the pointed face, three short strands of pearls or beads could be worn at the base of the throat.

With a short face, long neck and narrow head to contend with, it is possible to use successfully two planes at the throat. To lengthen the face, try a V-shaped plastron or vestee, but round them off at the throat, rather snugly and perhaps with a high fold, to shorten the neck and harmonize it better with the face. Then, to offset the narrow head, use wide, flaring revers.

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COVER AND CUSHION NEWS

Checks and herringbones are news for covers and cushions. your chintz roses and buttercups can bloom again next year. Red, yellow and brown checks for a big square sofa in a dim room which cries out for colour and warmth. Speckled tweed in cream and scarlet for the seats of dining chairs with long side curtains to match.

Tartan cushions and, perhaps, one little chair in a room which wants to be gay but doesn't know how to begin.

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WINDSOR ADOPTS TARTAN

The Duke of Windsor is adopting the Bonnie Prince Charlie tartan, which is being woven to his order at Brora in Sutherland.

This tartan is a variant of the Royal Stuart tartan, which is a design of blue, green and yellow lines chequered over a red background.

In the Bonnie Prince Charlie version, the blue, green and yellow lines are broader and there is consequently less red.

A NEW WAY
WITH HERRINGS

When you're trying to think of a simple little supper dish, don't forget that herrings are nourishing, and cheap, too. Here is a recipe, which is equally good hot or cold, and doesn't take long to prepare.

You need six herrings, a little flour, salt and pepper, 1 onion, 1½ gills of vinegar, and if you have them, a bay leaf and two or three cloves.

Clean the herrings and take out the bones. Sprinkle them with salt and pepper, and dust with flour. Roll up the fillets, beginning at the head end, and pack them into a baking dish. Slice the onion over the top, add the vinegar and the same amount of water, also the cloves and bay leaf. Bake for one and a half hours.

Herrings cooked this way are very good eaten cold with bread and butter, or the vinegar and water can almost all be drained away, and the fish eaten hot with mashed potatoes.

YOUR FACE

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skin. For whiteheads, a sterilised needle is first used to pierce the skin, and provide an aperture, before pressure is applied. During these minor operations, don't concentrate on one section of the skin and don't remove too many secretions in one siege.

When the manipulations are over, sterilise the skin with a lotion with alcohol content, and apply overnight one of the pore preparations that in themselves have antiseptic and healing ingredients. Resist the temptation to use a softening cream, even though you realise that the treatment has been drying. In fact, during the time you are getting rid of the blemishes, you may have to resign yourself to a certain dryness, because you shouldn't make use of any rich creams. If you want a powder foundation during this period, use one of the antiseptic lotions with a powder suspension.

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TWO EMPIRE FLYING BOATS TO SINGAPORE: NEW H.K. SCHEDULE

Imperial Airways announces that as from Wednesday, February 23, all first class mail will be carried by air from the United Kingdom to Egypt, Palestine, India (including Ceylon and the Seychelles), Burma and Malaya (including North Borneo and Sarawak).

There will be each week two "C" (Empire) Class flying-boat services to Singapore, and in addition two "C" Class services to Karachi. In other words, there will be four "C" Class flying-boat services each week from Southampton to Karachi and vice versa, two of them being continued to Singapore. Qantas Empire Airways will continue the services from Singapore to Brisbane and vice versa with the "Commonwealth" Class air-liner, as formerly.

Connecting with the two Karachi terminating services there will be "Atalanta" Class services operating between Karachi and Calcutta via Delhi, and in addition to the above there will be a once-weekly service between Alexandria and Basra operated by the "Hannibal" Class aircraft.

FAR EAST SERVICE

The introduction of the "C" Class flying-boat on the main trunk route as far as Singapore will result in a change of schedule on the feeder service Bangkok/Hong Kong and vice versa. As from 1st March the services will leave Hong Kong each Tuesday, connecting at Bangkok both with the home-bound service from Australia and the outward-bound service to Australia. In the reverse direction the service will leave Bangkok for Hong Kong each Thursday, arriving here each Friday, and again effecting connexions both from Australia and Europe.

NEW SCHEDULE

The first service to arrive in Hong Kong on the new schedule is due on Friday, March 4th. A summary of the new schedule is given below:—

Leave Hong Kong—Tuesday.
Arrive Bangkok—Wednesday.
Leave Bangkok—Thursday.
Arrive London—Wednesday.
Arrive Brisbane—Monday.
Leave London—Thursday.
Leave Brisbane—Saturday.
Arrive Bangkok—Wednesday.
Leave Bangkok—Thursday.
Arrive Hong Kong—Friday.
The preliminary time-table in force at the commencement of flying-boat operations between London and Singapore will provide a total transit time of 8 days Hong Kong/London and 6 days Hong Kong/Brisbane and vice versa.

The changes do not mean that all first-class mail for Hong Kong is being sent by air via Singapore. The present system is to continue for the present.

MR. MONTAGU NORMAN'S INVITATION

London, To-day.
The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr. Montagu Norman, has invited the Governor of the Rumanian National Bank, M. Constantinescu, to come to London. —Trans-Ocean.

GANDHI FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Oslo, To-day.
The organisation here known as the "Friends of India," states that Mahatma Gandhi will be proposed as candidate for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. Gandhi has been nominated previously for the prize. —Reuter.

AMERICAN GIVEN THIRD WARNING

Shanghai, To-day.
The third menacing letter within the past week, emanating from pro-Japanese terrorists, has been received by the Chinese newspaper "Da Mei Wan Pao," an American-owned publication. The letter requests the paper to stop its anti-Japanese comments, adding that other Chinese papers moderated their attitude after only a single warning, but that "your paper continues to adhere to its anti-Japanese policy!"

In consequence of this new warning, the police guard at the newspaper office, where two bomb outrages have already occurred, has been reinforced. —Trans-Ocean.

GOLDEN SUNSET FINALE AT SINGAPORE

Singapore, To-day.
Towards the end of yesterday's ceremony of opening the new dock, the sun broke through the clouds and a glorious sunset spread a golden glow over the turrets, masts and funnels of the armada assembled in the straits.

At twilight the ships' illuminations were lit up simultaneously on a rocket signal. —Reuter.

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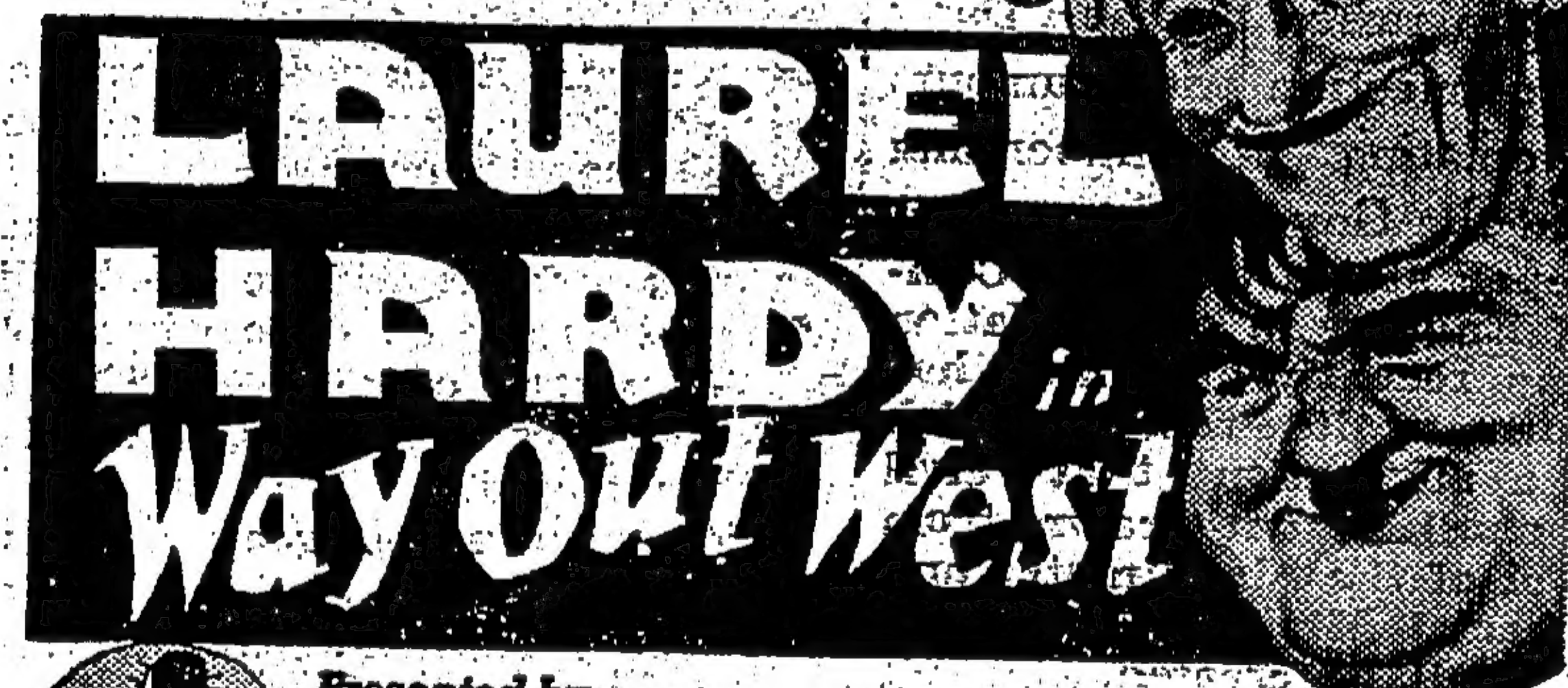
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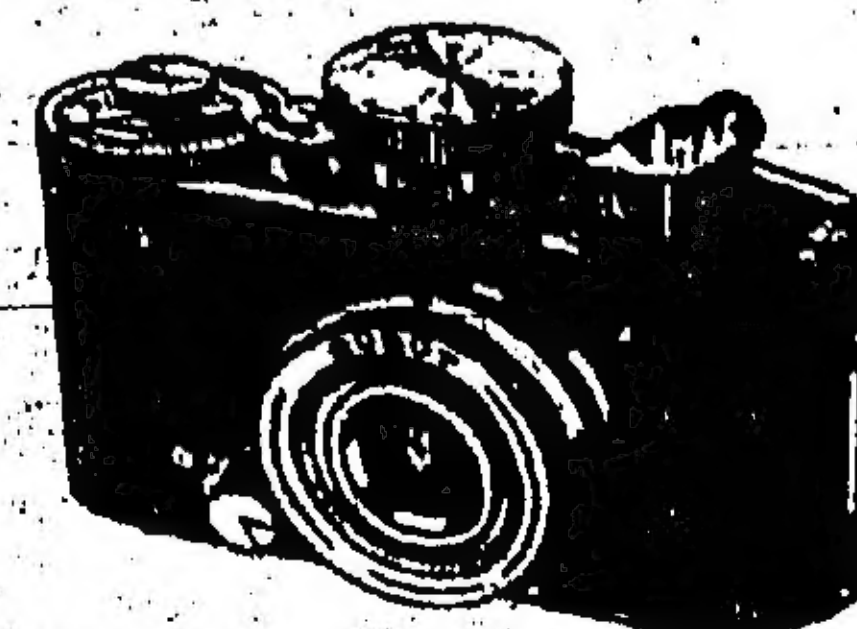
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WINSTON CHURCHILL TO BE WAR MINISTER?

London, To-day.

The question of Mr. Winston Churchill entering the British Cabinet as Secretary of State for War is again raised by the "Daily Mail" in connection with rumours now circulating of impending changes in the Government.

The paper states that the Committee of Enquiry in civil aviation which was recently appointed has now drawn up its report which contains a suggestion that civil aviation shall be withdrawn from the control of the Air Ministry and that a special Ministry for Civil Aviation shall be created.

The paper goes on to say that the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will take the occasion to rearrange the Cabinet whereby the paper hints at the possibility of the Minister for Air, Lord Swinton, being transferred to the Admiralty, while Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, would go from the War Office to the Air Ministry. This would have the effect of leaving the War Office vacant and the "Daily Mail" surmises that the post might be offered to Mr. Churchill. — Trans-Ocean.

YEN LEVEL TO BE MAINTAINED

Tokyo, To-day.

The Government's decision to maintain the yen exchange at the present level of 1/2d was reaffirmed to-day in the House of Peers by the Finance Minister, Mr. Kaya.

Mr. Kaya stated that the present exchange policy was being pursued by the Government because the "devaluation desired in certain quarters would not contribute to improvement in the balance of international payments, but would, on the other hand, invite various difficulties, including financial confusion."—Reuter.

NEW GOLD POLICY IN UNITED STATES

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced yesterday that as from Feb. 1 the Treasury is limiting its gold sterilisation operations to sums over \$100,000,000 acquired in each quarter.

In other words, gold acquisitions up to \$100,000,000 in each three months period will be allowed to increase excess Bank reserves without any offsetting of Treasury action.

Since \$30,000,000 worth of gold has already been acquired this quarter, this amount will be de-sterilised immediately by depositing \$30,000,000 worth of gold certificates with the Reserve banks, Mr. Morgenthau stated.

High officials yesterday expressed the view that they expected the action would be non-deflationary. — Reuter.

N. K. LITTLEJOHN AND MISS JEAN DALZIEL TO WED

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Norman Kemp Littlejohn, civil engineer, of No. 8, Po Shan Road, and Miss Jean Houston Dalziel, residing at The Seven Sisters, North Point, was announced this morning.

Mr. Kirill Alexander Kaluzhny, of the Hong Kong Hotel, and Miss Maria Alexandrovna Taras, and Mr. Hugh Stewart McKay, electrical engineer, of No. 6, Causeway Hill, and Miss Williamina Miller, nurse, of Halero, Wick, Scotland, have also announced their weddings.

The marriage between Mr. Christoffel Daniel Hermanus Bottelier, Chief Steward of the s.s. Tjisadane, and Miss Helena Barten, nee Fuks, of No. 307, Rue Bouregt, Shanghai, has been announced to take place shortly in the Colony.

S. C. Miller, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., was this morning fined \$4 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest for driving his car along the path

MR. QUO TAI-CHI GIVES LUNCHEON IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The Chinese Ambassador in London, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, yesterday gave a luncheon to all delegates from various China committees in Europe who attended the International Peace Campaign conference.

The company included representatives of different political parties.

Dr. Wellington Koo (Chinese Ambassador in Paris) and Mr. Li Yu-ying (member of the Central Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang) were among those present.

After the luncheon, views were exchanged on the situation, and it was found that general agreement existed, thus demonstrating the unity among all sections of the Chinese community.—Reuter.

YOUNG WOMAN SENTENCED IN FORGERY CASE

A young married woman, Fung Sui, who was alleged to have engaged in systematic fraud by uttering forged bank-notes, choosing football grounds as "pastures green," was convicted at the Criminal Sessions this morning and sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Accused pleaded not guilty to three charges—uttering a forged \$10 note at the Sookunpoo football ground on December 11; uttering a similar bank-note at the Royal Naval Football ground on December 12; and possession of a forged \$10-bank-note.

The jury empanelled were Messrs. S. Berg (Foreman), S. E. Souza, Chung Kwan-ting, W. G. Williams, Chan Wai-chuen, Chan Man-sing and D. Black.

On December 11, Sergeant S. Brown, R.A., was on duty at Sookunpoo where the Middlesex played the Hong Kong Football Club. About 4.30 p.m. while the match was in progress, accused arrived, brought a 30-cent ticket, and tendered a \$10 note. Accused entered the ground and sat near Mr. S. E. Bux, with whom she entered in a conversation. She told Mr. Bux that she was expecting a relative. A few minutes afterwards someone outside the ground called out to accused "Has your relative turned up." Accused replied "no" and left the ground. As the match was coming to a close, Sergeant Taylor, R.A., examined the note and discovered it was a forgery.

FOLLOWING DAY

The following day, there was a match between South China "A" and Eastern on the Royal Naval ground. Cpl. MacCormac went along and warned Petty Officer Pethick, who was in charge of the pay office, of what had happened, and asked to be notified should anything transpire. About 3.45 p.m., a woman came to the paybox and tendered a \$10-note, which was discovered to be a forgery. She was detained and Cpl. MacCormac and the Police were summoned.

At an identification the woman was identified by Sergeant Brown, Cpl. MacCormac and Mr. Bux from a group of seven.

Mr. Whyatt suggested that one of the reasons why the woman choose football grounds was because she knew that the people who collected money there were sailors and soldiers who were not so expert in detecting forgeries as shop-keepers.

Accused was found guilty by the jury on all counts.

The Chief Justice imposed sentences of 12 months' hard labour in each case, the sentences to run concurrently.

FORGERY CASE DENIAL

Convicted for possession of 150 forged bank-notes, purporting to be "Five Yuan" notes of the Bank of China, Lee Wai-keung was sentenced to four years' hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, for the Crown, explained that accused concealed the notes in a small biscuit tin.

Accused denied that the tins belonged to him, and stated that when he was being searched by the Chinese Revenue officer, he told the officer that the tins, which were found alongside his luggage on the wharf, were not his.

After evidence by two Chinese Revenue Officers and Sergeant Suitler, accused was found guilty.

JAPANESE "GOODWILL" MISSION

Tokyo, To-day.

Lt.-Gen. Nanao Matsui, brother of Gen. Iwane Matsui, commander-in-chief, Central China, is leaving for Peiping on Saturday to head a student goodwill mission.

The party will include 60 students from thirty universities all over Japan.

The mission's avowed object is to promote friendship with students in Chinese educational institutions.—Reuter.

FOG AND DRIZZLE

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has weakened considerably, a part having moved eastward to Korea; pressure appears to be maintained to the north west of Shantung. The depression has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan and a low pressure area covers Tongking and the northern part of the China Sea.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy with fog; mist or drizzle.

between the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Hong Kong Football Club.

BODY DUMPING CHARGE

Wong Nai, a married woman, was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with dumping the dead body of a child in Kam Wai Lane, Shauiwan, yesterday.

The defendant stated that the child was alive when she was taking it to her boat. She was going for help to carry the child when she was arrested by a scavenging coolie.

The case was adjourned.

Mr. Croftan, of No. 247 Prince Edward Road, has reported the loss of a watch from his residence.

STALIN BREAKS SILENCE TO DISCUSS MOSCOW'S POLICY

Believes Country Still In Danger Of Attack

Socialist State Now Established In Russia

Moscow, To-day.

Stalin broke his long silence yesterday with an important statement to the newspaper "Pravda" on the position of the Soviet Union, both internally and in relation to other countries.

Stalin asserts that internally the bourgeoisie has been crushed in the Soviet Union, and the Socialist state has been established.

Externally, the Soviet Union is still in danger of armed attack by capitalist countries, and attempts by them to restore capitalism.

Stalin urges that the international proletariat must be linked up with the Soviet people and connections with the working classes in bourgeois countries strengthened and organised to give political assistance in the event of armed attack on the Soviet Union.

STATE OF MOBILISATION

The Red Army and air force must be strengthened and the whole people kept in a state of mobilisation for armed attack.

Stalin contends that it is ridiculous and stupid to close their eyes to the fact of capitalist encirclement, and to think that their external enemies, for example, the Fascists, would not try, when the chance presented itself, to carry out an armed attack on the Soviet.

DANGER UNDENIABLE

It would be useless and ridiculous to deny that in the event of the slightest success for armed intervention, the interventionists would try to destroy the Soviet system in areas occupied by them and restore the bourgeois.

Only blockheads or covert enemies who wished to camouflage their hostility by bragging, and who tried to demobilise the people, could deny the danger of armed intervention and attempts at restoration while the capitalist encirclement existed.—Reuter.

CHAMBERLAIN REFUSES ASSURANCE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister was asked in the Commons to give an assurance, as an example to other nations, that the Government would prohibit the use of bombing aeroplanes for police purposes in any territory under British control.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that His Majesty's Government were not prepared to limit the activities of the Air Force except as part of an international agreement.

They were most anxious that it should be possible and the government would be fully prepared to give the assurance suggested.—British Wireless.

INTERNATIONAL PACT AGAINST BOMBING TO BE SOUGHT

London, To-day.

The bombing of civilians both in connection with the present civil war in Spain and as the subject of a general international agreement, was referred to in several answers to Commons questions by the Foreign Secretary.

In one answer, Mr. Eden recalled his statement on February 2, in which he intimated that the subject of an international agreement regarding the bombing of civilian populations was being considered by the competent departments with the express intention of re-opening the question with other Powers.

Asked whether he would give notice to the parties in Spain that Great Britain proposed to allow the importation into Spain of anti-aircraft guns and ammunition unless bombing behind the lines ceased, Mr. Eden said that Great Britain was bound by an international undertaking, assumed as a signatory of the non-intervention agreement, and added that he was not prepared, at present, to propose any modification of that agreement.

APPROACH TO VATICAN

He told the House in another reply that the government had not approached the Vatican direct regarding a denunciation by the Pope of the bombing of civilians in Spain by both sides, but they had informed the French Government that they were prepared to associate themselves with such initiative as the French Government might decide to take in the matter, whether through the Vatican or other channels.—British Wireless.

CONFLICT MOVES SOUTH

London, To-day.

Heavy fighting is taking place in southern Spain, where the Government admit that the insurgents have gained ground. On other fronts there is little activity.—Reuter.

EXECUTIONS AT BILBAO

London, To-day.

In a Commons reply, the Foreign Secretary said he was informed that a number of executions have taken place at Bilbao since the insurgents' occupation. It was naturally impossible to obtain exact figures.

His Majesty's Government had strongly represented to the parties in Spain the desirability of refraining from further executions in order to avoid prejudicing the prospective negotiations for a general exchange of prisoners and other detained persons.

The British Agent in Salamanca had recently received an assurance that the Basque prisoners who were the subject of negotiations were in no danger.

Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Eden said the Government had received a similar assurance from the Spanish Government.—British Wireless.

REMOVAL OF CHIEF OF SOVIET AIR FORCE

Moscow, To-day.

The removal of Ygakov Alkansis, chief of the Soviet air force, whose arrest was reported several weeks ago, is confirmed by the newspaper "Izvestia."

The paper does not mention him directly but gives the name of the new air force chief as General Loktionov, among the pall bearers at the funeral of the victims of the wrecked Soviet dirigible.

Alkansis was one of the last two of the five commissars of defence of Marshal Voroshilov who survived the recent purge, and apparently enjoyed the Kremlin's favour until just before the elections for the first Soviet Parliament in December, when he was removed from the list of registered candidates and replaced by another man.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S WILD WEEK-END

London, To-day.

Severe cold, accompanied by falls of snow, continues in Southern England and reports of extensive damage resulting from the flooding and the gales at the week-end are still being received.—British Wireless.

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New Problem Of Mediterranean

Britain Requires A Fresh Strategic Focus In The Near East

THE Mediterranean Sea has been a vital artery of the British Empire ever since we acquired India and our possessions in the Far East and created two great Dominions in the South Pacific. Its importance has been intensified since the construction of the Suez Canal.

While our strategy has always led us to be strong in the Mediterranean, in the ever-shifting kaleidoscope of foreign affairs the centre of gravity is constantly changing.

Once more we have to take stock of the position, for the balance has been changed by the war in Abyssinia and the deterioration of our relations with Italy, with whom we had been hitherto bound by ties of close friendship.

It was apparent that the further Italy committed herself in Abyssinia the more completely she became dependent on the Suez Canal. In those circumstances, in the event of hostilities between the two countries, we were in a position to strangle her East African Empire completely by the mere act of closing the Canal. Equally, so long as we held the command of the sea in the Mediterranean, we could deny her access to her colony in Libya. Egypt and the Canal, therefore, were seen to be the keys of the Eastern Mediterranean.

ITALY SUPPLIED BY SEA

The strategical position of Italy is an exceedingly difficult one. She is almost entirely dependent upon her seaborne trade both for food and for raw materials. Her political relations make it unlikely that she would receive supplies from either France or Yugoslavia in case of war, and her only other land frontiers are with Switzerland and Austria.

It would be possible for Germany to send supplies across both these frontiers by rail, but Germany herself is far from self-supporting, though she is making great efforts to become so, and she would have little to spare for Italy. In any case the ordinary flow of trade is by sea, and the Italian railways have not the capacity to handle the enormously increased bulk which would be created by the diversion of supplies from sea to land routes.

For the essential materials for munitions Italy is extremely badly placed. She is completely dependent upon import for rubber, platinum, tin, nickel and tungsten, and almost completely so for coal, copper, cotton, iron, lead, manganese, oil, wool and zinc.

DOOR TURKEY CAN CLOSE

The greater part of her seaborne trade comes via the Straits of Gibraltar or the Suez Canal, both of which we are in a position to control. The third channel is the Black Sea and the Dardanelles. The attitude towards her of Russia, Rumania and Turkey would always be an extremely important consideration. Rumania is her chief source for oil, without which air

forces, armies and navies are today immobilised. Russia could supply both oil and corn. Turkey, however, can close the door completely at the Dardanelles.

All these disadvantages are only too well known to the Italian General Staff, and the correct strategy for them would seem to be to make things as uncomfortable for us as possible in Egypt and Palestine, where lie, as I have already suggested, the keys to the situation.

They appear to have taken this view. There is a large and influential Italian population of 100,000 in Egypt, which naturally makes the most of Italian prestige acquired from their victory in Abyssinia and their considerable armed strength in Libya. In Palestine and the Arabian countries there is a good deal of Pan-Arab propaganda, and Signor Mussolini, when opening that wonderful strategic road in Libya from the Tunisian to the Egyptian frontier, declared himself to be the Protector of Islam.

In Libya the garrison has been raised in the past year from one army corps to two, perhaps 40,000

that Leros is the same distance from them and would equally be exposed to aerial attack.

MALTA AND EGYPT

Our own position in the Mediterranean has elements of considerable strength. It is true that Malta is only 70 miles from Sicily and is therefore much exposed to air attack. During the Abyssinian crisis it was considered inadvisable to use it as a base for our battleships or as a dockyard. There could, however, be no question of withdrawing from it completely.

Our garrison in Egypt consists of two infantry brigades, a mechanised cavalry brigade, two artillery brigades and a tank battalion. In Palestine we have six battalions of infantry. As for the air, we have eight squadrons in the Middle East Command and in Palestine, and five squadrons that could easily be made available from the new Air Force base at Dhibban in Iraq.

The invasion of Egypt from Libya would be an extremely difficult undertaking, as there is the great natural protection of a waterless desert 200 miles in width. Even

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MAJOR-GEN. A. C. TEMPERLEY

to 50,000 men in all. It includes a number of motorised formations and a powerful air force. The presence of this large force would seem to serve three purposes. It is a potential threat to Egypt which cannot be ignored; it undoubtedly impresses the Middle East; and it is valuable as an over-insurance in reserves in case communications with Libya are severed by naval action.

The size of the garrison is, of course, a threat to Tunis as well, of which, no doubt, the French have taken due note. The Italian population of 100,000 in Tunis actually outnumbers the French population there. The French garrison in North Africa is large, and a considerable part of it would normally be available to reinforce the metropolitan army in France, but there is much unrest in North Africa at present, and this and the presence of the big Libyan garrison might limit the number of troops it would be possible to despatch in case the position were critical on the French frontiers.

The Italians have also been constructing a naval base at Leros, in the Dodecanese, only 20 miles from the coast of Asia Minor, where it is some embarrassment to the Turks. Leros is 550 miles from Haifa, about the same distance from Alexandria, and 370 miles from Cyprus. While it is true that these important harbours are within

with considerable mechanised forces it would be no light matter to send them across the Libyan desert where there is no possibility of concealment of any kind from air attack. They would be compelled to carry their water and petrol supplies with them and fight a battle at the end of it with their communications exposed to every form of hostile pressure and with no possibility of obtaining any supplies unless they won their battle. The topographical difficulties go a long way to redressing the apparent inequality of forces in this region.

There does seem, however, to be a useful lesson for us, when we consider all the possibilities, remote as they may be. The Mediterranean is the focus point of many problems in addition to strain-

ed relations with Italy, which we hope may only be temporary.

There is the war in Spain, the situation in Palestine and unrest in the Mohammedan world. We have no reserve in this area of any kind. The garrisons in Palestine and in Egypt are no more than adequate for their immediate responsibilities. In the event of serious trouble arising in the Middle East, our reserves must come from elsewhere.

If our Fleet were dispersed on other duties the passage of transports through the narrow part of the Mediterranean might be a matter of great difficulty. From Sicily to Cape Bon in North Africa is only 70 miles. Reserves could also be sent from India to Basra and thence across the desert to Palestine, but this would take time. Another alternative would be the Cape route to Suez, but this would be even slower.

RESERVE IN PALESTINE

Does not everything point to the fact that, with the changing situation, the grouping of our forces must change also? I suggest that we ought to establish a strategic reserve in Palestine, and, perhaps, Cyprus, which would be available for any calls that might be made upon it.

The most essential part of it must be the Army, because the main object is to have the forces available on the spot and so avoid the dangers and delays of a long sea journey. Whether it should be provided from the Home Establishment or from India is a matter that would require consideration.

The Air Force is in a slightly different position. While a local increase is desirable, it is capable of reinforcement from far-distant bases at the shortest notice, provided that the ground organisation exists at the threatened point, as it would in this case.

The problem that we have to consider is the location of our forces for immediate action in time of crisis. I suggest that they should be spread along our lines of communication rather than concentrated at home for a potential Continental commitment. The coming of the aeroplane has forced us to re-orient our strategy, and we should do well to realise the full implications of this without any further delay.

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JAPAN WARNED AGAINST OVERHASTE IN NORTH CHINA

Mr. Hirao's Comment On Return From Peiping

Offhandish Regarding Interests Of Third Powers

Tokyo, To-day.

A warning against excessive haste in developing North China economy was given yesterday by Mr. Hirao, president of the semi-official Japan Iron Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Hirao said that Japan's first task was to provide for the welfare of the region's Chinese population. In exploiting North China's resources and developing industries, full attention must be paid to the interests and desires of the Chinese people.

PRESENTATIONS AT VOLUNTEER DINNER

A very enjoyable evening was spent yesterday at the Cafe Wiseman when the Motor M. G. Platoon of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps held their annual dinner, Lieut. J. R. Way presiding.

Among the guests were Captain Williams, Capt. V. C. Branson, R. Q. M. S. Parkinson, C. S. M. Terry, Messrs. G. C. Burnett, H. S. Jones and S. J. C. Stanesby.

During the evening presentations were made to Cpl. W. E. Peers, who is leaving for home shortly, and to Corpl. G. H. Fowler.

In a brief speech, Lt. Way said:—It is usual at this type of function to hand out a few kicks and to do a little back patting. I am pleased to say that the latter is predominant this evening. First and foremost I must congratulate and thank all members of the Platoon on our being awarded the Efficiency Cup. This cup to my way of thinking is the finest honour that can be awarded to any section of the Corps—it being the reward for all round merit and industry rather than for individual brilliance.

PETROL STEEDS

It is perhaps invidious to mention particular members of the Platoon—be that as it may, I feel we cannot allow our Corporal Mechanician to leave us without some tangible mark of our esteem. As you all were aware Corporal Peers has put in many hours of hard work and I might say loving care on our machines. The effective running of our petrol steeds is due in no small measure to his mechanical efficiency, zeal and unselfish service.

On behalf of all Ranks I wish Andy a very pleasant holiday and now ask him to accept this small memento as a token of our esteem and regard.

"SPECIAL CLAUSE"

Before I propose the toast of our guests I have another pleasant little ceremony to perform. Corporal Fowler when he was on leave took unto himself a wife, and contrary to the custom of the Platoon the fact was unfortunately overlooked. However I now seize this opportunity of asking Corporal Fowler to accept this small memento of our regard and esteem and to wish him and his wife a long and happy life in double harness. I sincerely trust that the blissful contract which he has entered into will include a clause to the effect that Friday evenings are sacrosanct for the old Platoon.

He stated: "It would be the worst thing imaginable to treat the question from the Japanese point of view alone."

Mr. Hirao, who once headed the Ministry of Education, returned to Tokyo yesterday evening from Peiping, where General Terauchi, commander-in-chief, offered him the supreme economic advisership of the Japanese garrison.

SINGLE BLOC

He asserted that in drafting plans for economic development of North China, Manchukuo and Korea, the three areas must be considered as components of a single bloc.

"Some rash people think that economic activities should be launched in North China the moment military activities cease. They forget that economic development of any area costs money and well considered plans."

EXTREME CAUTION

"The Government must be given time to deliberate plans for development, and preparation for such a programme must be carried out with extreme caution. Japan must give full attention to the feelings of the Chinese but there is no need for paying excessive heed to the moves of third Powers."—Reuter.

KING LEOPOLD DECORATED BY PORTUGAL

Brussels, To-day.

King Leopold yesterday visited the Portuguese Legation, where the Portuguese Minister decorated him with the Grand Cross of the Military Order conferred on His Majesty by President Carmona.

In a telegram to the President of Portugal, King Leopold expressed his thanks for the honour bestowed on him. —Trans-Ocean.

RUMANIAN DENIAL

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumours of the resignation of the Rumanian Government have elicited an emphatic official denial. —Trans-Ocean.

MEDICAL TEST FOR U.S. OFFICERS

New York, To-day.

At least 250 officers of the United States Army at present are undergoing physical examination which will probably disqualify them from further field service, according to the "New York Times."

It is believed that the object of the examination is to replace aged officers by younger men, and instructions have been given by the Chief of Staff for speedy completion of the examination owing to the doubt felt over world affairs. —Reuter.

BAL MASQUE AT GERMAN CLUB

On Saturday, February 26th, the German Club will hold its annual bal masque, to which members have already invited numerous friends from all communities.

This year the bal masque has been given the name "The Road of Silk" which is the name Sven Hedin gave to the ancient caravan road upon which merchants sent silk from China to Europe. The decoration in the club has been carried out accordingly, and much success is anticipated.

As usual, the most original costume will win a prize. This year two prizes have been decided upon, one each for ladies and gentlemen.

DEATH OF WARDER PRATT

The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital last night of Warder Horace Charles Pratt, of Stanley Prison, who had been seriously ill for some days with cardiac trouble.

Mr. Pratt who was 47 years of age, recently lost a daughter who died of small-pox in Shanghai.

Much sympathy will be felt for the widow at her second heavy bereavement within a short time.

The late Mr. Pratt served throughout the War in His Majesty's Forces and joined the Prison Department in 1921.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, the cortege assembling at the bottom of Stubbs Road at 5 p.m.

EMPEROR WELL AGAIN

Tokyo, To-day.

The Emperor has fully recovered from the cold from which he has been suffering since February 1, says an official announcement. —Reuter.

TERRIFIC LOSSES IN HEAVY CLASHES

Shanghai, To-day.

There is no doubt, judging from unbiased foreign reports, that the Chinese forces in the Peiping-Hankow Railway zone have suffered terrific losses in the past few days.

The Japanese advance was far more rapid than anticipated, and it is reliably learned that several thousand Chinese provincial troops have been killed.

The Japanese have captured large quantities of discarded rifles, ammunition, machine-guns and other war supplies.

Chinese reports from Hankow admit that the Chinese forces have been forced to retreat but emphasise that the full strength of their army in this region has not yet come into the picture. —Trans-Ocean.

CROYDON TYPHOID REVELATIONS

London, To-day.

The Report of the Inquiry instituted by the Minister of Health into the Croydon typhoid outbreak is published.


The report says that the immediate cause of the outbreak was a portion of the public water supply becoming infected by typhoid bacillus. The infected portion was that derived from a chalk well at Addington.

How that became infected is a question that cannot be answered with absolute certainty but all the circumstances and probabilities point so strongly in one direction that the Chairman says he feels justified in coming to a definite conclusion that the well was infected by the fact that at the end of last September and during October, men, one of whom was an active carrier of typhoid, were working in the well and that during large parts of such period water from the well, unfiltered and unchlorinated was being pumped to supply.

LACK OF LIAISON

As to this work on the well, the report reveals that there was both misunderstanding and lack of communication between responsible officers of the Corporation so that neither the Medical Officer of Health nor even the Borough Engineer was aware of what was happening. —British Wireless.

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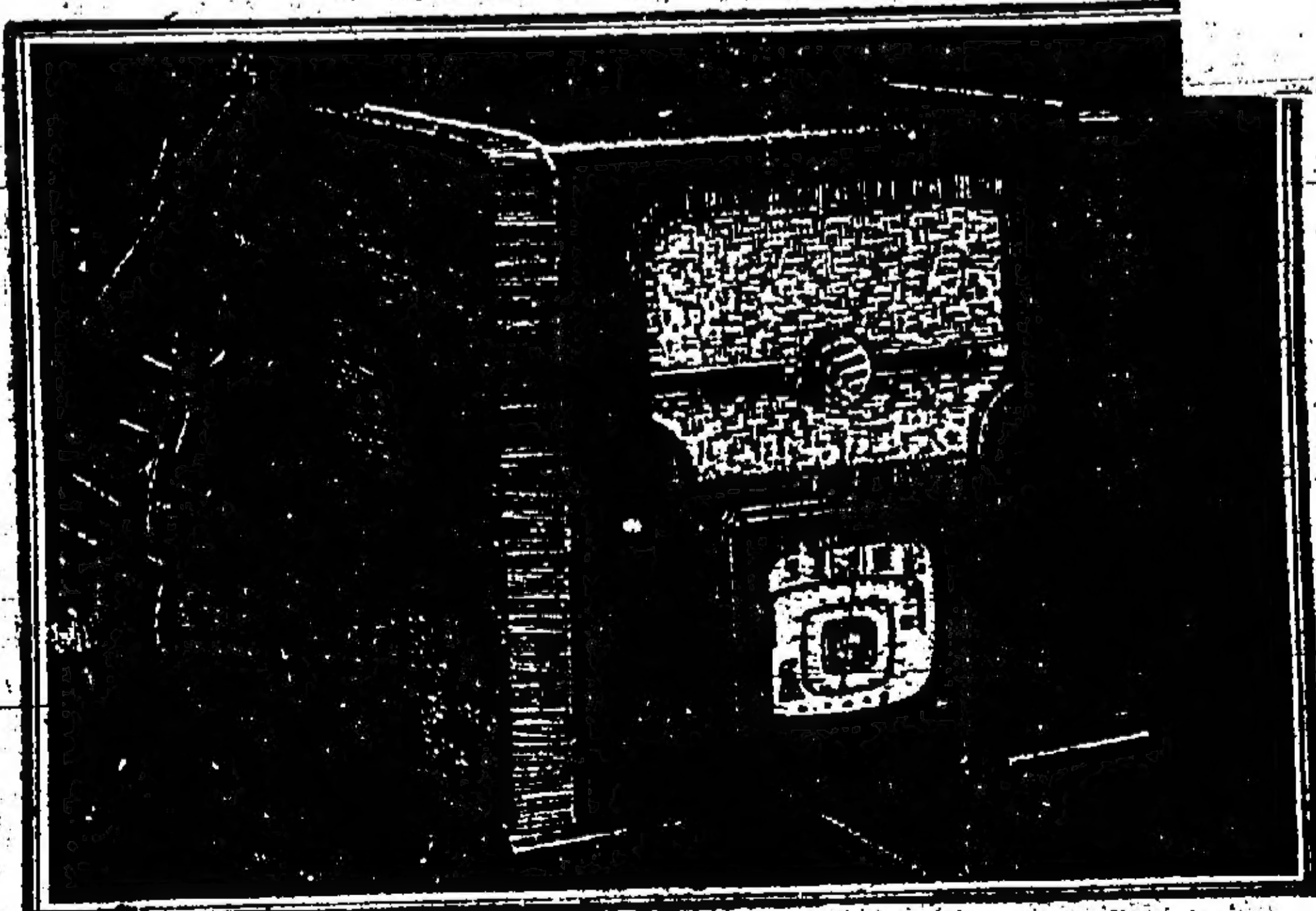
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The quite remarkable response to the initiative of the international peace campaign organisers more than justifies the declaration of Dr. Wellington Koo that China has reason to be greatly heartened. The attack on China has been in progress for more than seven months, no third Power has felt itself duty bound to do more than exert "moral pressure upon Japan," and yet, in spite the discouragement which might be expected to arise in consequence of official apathy, nay, clear determination to evade obligations implied in treaties, outraged public opinion is sufficiently vigorous and militant to take the issue out of the hands of governments and campaign for world wide voluntary imposition of sanctions. Whether the effect is great or small, and unanimity merely among the dockers of the world in the adoption of tactics similar to those of the Southampton stevedores would be enough to shake Japanese trade to its foundations and dry up the source of Japanese munitions imports, there is also the strength of the moral effect in Tokyo to be considered. It is not difficult to believe that Prince Konoye and his colleagues are more likely to be impressed by the character of the London activities of the week-end than they have been by the platitudinous resolutions of the League of Nations and the more-in-sorrow-than-in-anger declarations of the United States.

Lord Cecil's campaign, too, may remind the arming democracies what they seem to be forgetting, namely, that the situation to which they are preparing to direct cannon muzzles is one in which the strategy of economic action could be applied with as decisive effect. The danger of military and naval preparedness is always that it may divert attention from the possibility of checking aggression through collective economic action. The democracies may let go by default the prime strategic advantage which is now theirs by virtue of present circumstances of world finance and raw material supplies.

Much of the vague disquiet certain sections of the American public felt because of the Administration's refusal to apply the Neutrality Act to the Far Eastern crisis was really due to knowledge that American interests were supplying Japan with the sinews of aggression against China and American rights there. Whether the neutrality legislation was adequate or not, it embodied a desire of a peace-loving people that economic weapons be used before military ones.

To-day a growing sense of responsibility for world law develops where an unrealistic isolationism not long ago flourished. But

there remains a demand that this responsibility be shared by the great financial and commercial interests whose profits in the past have not always allowed the purest and highest concepts of patriotism to guide their policies.

The programme of economic appeasement enunciated by Mr. Cordell Hull may yet outstrip the disaster-bent course of national self-sufficiency—in which Italy's conquest of Ethiopia and Japan's invasion of China are only early milestones. On the other hand, it may be necessary for those countries with democratic ideals, respect for treaties, and hope for a world system of ordered security to stand together against attempts to exercise might before right can prevail.

In which case it should be remembered that of the combination of nations now seeming to threaten world order, not one has in itself the financial or natural resources to prepare for a victorious war against the "have" powers. The democracies are continuing, however, to supply those resources, even while they themselves arm against the outcome of such a course.

Naturally such a process is always and inevitably operative in a degree among nations living in anarchy. Trade and economic aids must be exchanged in an interdependent world. Indeed, by such exchange of mutual helpfulness, peace may be cemented. But there is a point at which the dual policy of preparing to fight if need be and at the same time equipping the potential enemy for the fray becomes inconsistent with the peaceable aims which at other times it serves.

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An English Kilt?

The Aberdeen branch of the Kilt Society does not approve the wearing of the kilt by women and has decided not to admit women to membership of the society. Opinions appear to differ as to the bearing of historical precedent on the women's claims.

Though this aspect of the question is far beyond the ken of the ordinary non-Scot, there is another point of view that he may feel qualified to put. Speaking from experience, he might suggest that men, alone, have really sound practical reasons for adopting the kilt. For what is their only alternative? The trouser.

And what happens to the trouser? It bags at the knee. Slowly, perhaps, but inevitably, it departs from the fashionable line of rectitude, and develops along the lines of least resistance. Let the wearer but sit for a moment, and forget to hitch it about the knee, and he is appalled at once by the shape of things to come.

Consider, too, his plight in wet weather, with that expanse of undefended territory between knee and ankle; for the mackintosh is as Scottish as its name, and will be responsible for nothing that comes much lower than the national dress.

There is good reason, then, for men to wear the kilt; and perhaps some enterprising Englishman may yet start a movement to popularise it among his countrymen. He will, however, encounter at least one obstacle. In the matter of pockets, the sporran does not lend itself to that attitude of graceful ease, and satisfaction, that the portraits of John Bull have so often typified as the essential national gesture in moments of relaxation.

GRAVITY OF THREAT REALISED IN HANKOW

Japanese Advance Arouses Official Alarm

FOREIGN VICTIM OF MACAO SLAYER

Macao, To-day.

The gruesome discovery of the body of her employer's wife, brutally battered to death during the absence of other members of the household, was made by the amah-cook of Mr. Artur Pedro Alonco, of No. 2, Rua da Penha, when she returned yesterday.

No motive can yet be established for the crime which has shocked all Macao residents.

The victim's husband is an employee of the Public Works Department. He had left his house at 6 a.m. to go to work and was unaware of the tragedy until friends notified him of it.

An autopsy held in the afternoon revealed several severe head and body injuries, caused by some heavy blunt instrument. The nature of the wounds on the arms indicated that the deceased had tried to fend off the blows of her attacker. — Our Own Correspondent.

INDIA RAILWAY PROFITS

New Delhi, To-day.

Estimates of the National Railways of India will be submitted to both Houses of the Legislature.

The revised estimates for 1937/38 shows a surplus of £2,000,000, while the estimates for 1938/39 will be slightly less than that amount.

The surpluses will be transferred to the general revenues of the country. — Reuter.

Measures To Meet New Situation Decided On

Shanghai, To-day.

Alarmed by the gravity of the Japanese threat to the Lunghai Railway, Chinese military leaders held an important conference at Hankow yesterday to discuss measures to cope with the situation.

The conference is reported to have decided to make every effort possible to hold Sinsiang, Chengchow and Kaifeng.

Foreign observers believe that the Japanese may be held off from Chengchow and Kaifeng for a while yet, but predict the early fall of Sinsiang.

The Japanese are making extensive reconnaissance flights over the Lunghai and Peiping-Hankow Railway zones.

Sinsiang was attacked from the air yesterday but only a few bombs were dropped and not much damage was done.

HEAVY FIGHTING

Meanwhile, a fierce engagement in which both sides are stated to have suffered heavy losses, has been fought in the vicinity of Wenshang, 30 miles north of Sinsiang.

The Chinese claim to have entered Wenshang but this is flatly denied by the Japanese, who say the Chinese were put to flight and bombed as they retreated.

In the course of raids in various parts of China yesterday, Japanese planes bombed Shaoshing, the famous winemaking centre, near Hangchow. — Reuter.

OFFENSIVE CONTINUING

Peiping, To-day.

The Japanese offensive below Changteh, in Honan Province, is continuing.

The Japanese appear to be also preparing another offensive in Shansi Province.

In the course of five days fighting, the Japanese have advanced 40 miles from Changteh to points south of Chihhsien.

ITALIAN PROTEST TO CHINA

Rome, To-day.

A sharp note of protest has been forwarded to the Chinese Central Government by the Italian Embassy in China as a result of the alleged bombing of the Italian Mission station in Pengpu by Chinese planes, says "Popolo d'Italia." — Trans-Ocean.

HANKOW'S NIGHT AIR RAID SCARE

Hankow, To-day.

Hankow had its first night air raid scare since last September last night, when the alarm was sounded at 8.45 p.m.

The populace raced through the moonlit streets for dugouts and other places of refuge.

There was a complete blackout for ten minutes, but the city was silhouetted clearly in the bright moonlight, while the muddy Yangtse River shone like silver and was visible from the rooftops for miles.

NO RAID

No raiders appeared, however, and the all clear was given at 9.50 p.m.

With the advent of the full moon, Hankow is fully prepared for night visits by enemy planes during the next ten days. — Reuter.

sued to the Nazi Party in Germany. — Reuter.

NEW CLAUSE

Vienna, To-day.

A local newspaper says that the Hitler-Schuschnigg talks resulted in a supplementary clause being signed to the Austro-German Agreement of July, 1936.

The clause, says the paper, does not imply any extension of the agreement but is merely destined to clear up existing misunderstandings. — Trans-Ocean.

CONCESSIONS BY HITLER TO AUSTRIA

Vienna, To-day.

The exact nature of the concessions to which Herr Hitler is represented as agreed at the Berchtesgaden meeting with the Austrian Chancellor, is now apparent from statements in official quarters and from inspired press comment.

While it is probably true that Herr Hitler declined publicly to disavow the Austrian Nazis, he has evidently given positive guarantees that Reich Party quarters will refrain from directing or encouraging illegal activities of Austrian Nazis and that the smuggling of propaganda and supplies of money across the border will cease.

It is believed that instructions in this sense have already been issued.

Crack French Liner Held By Japanese Officials At Shimoneseki

Shanghai, To-day.

The Messageries Maritimes liner "President Doumer" on the way to Shanghai from Kobe, was stopped by the Japanese last night at Rokuren after crossing the Shimoneseki Straits, because some members of the crew were alleged to have taken pictures of the fortified zone.

The French Consul-General, M. Depeyre, and the Messageries Maritimes Agent at Kobe, have arrived at Shimoneseki and are negotiating with the Japanese authorities for release of the vessel.

Early this morning the Messageries Maritime offices in Shanghai had not received further information regarding the plight of the "President Doumer," although the captain of the liner had assured them he would wire fullest details.

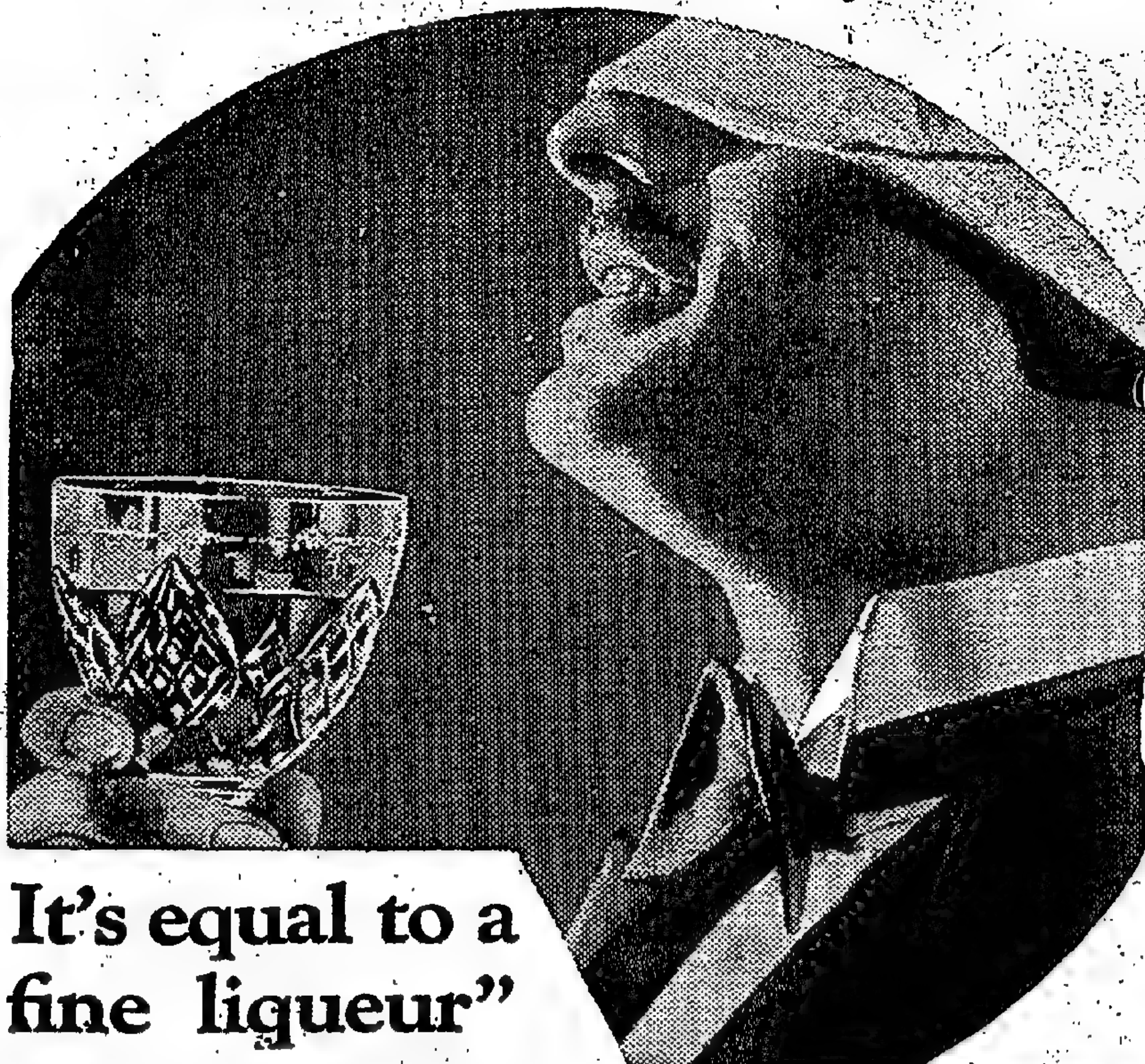
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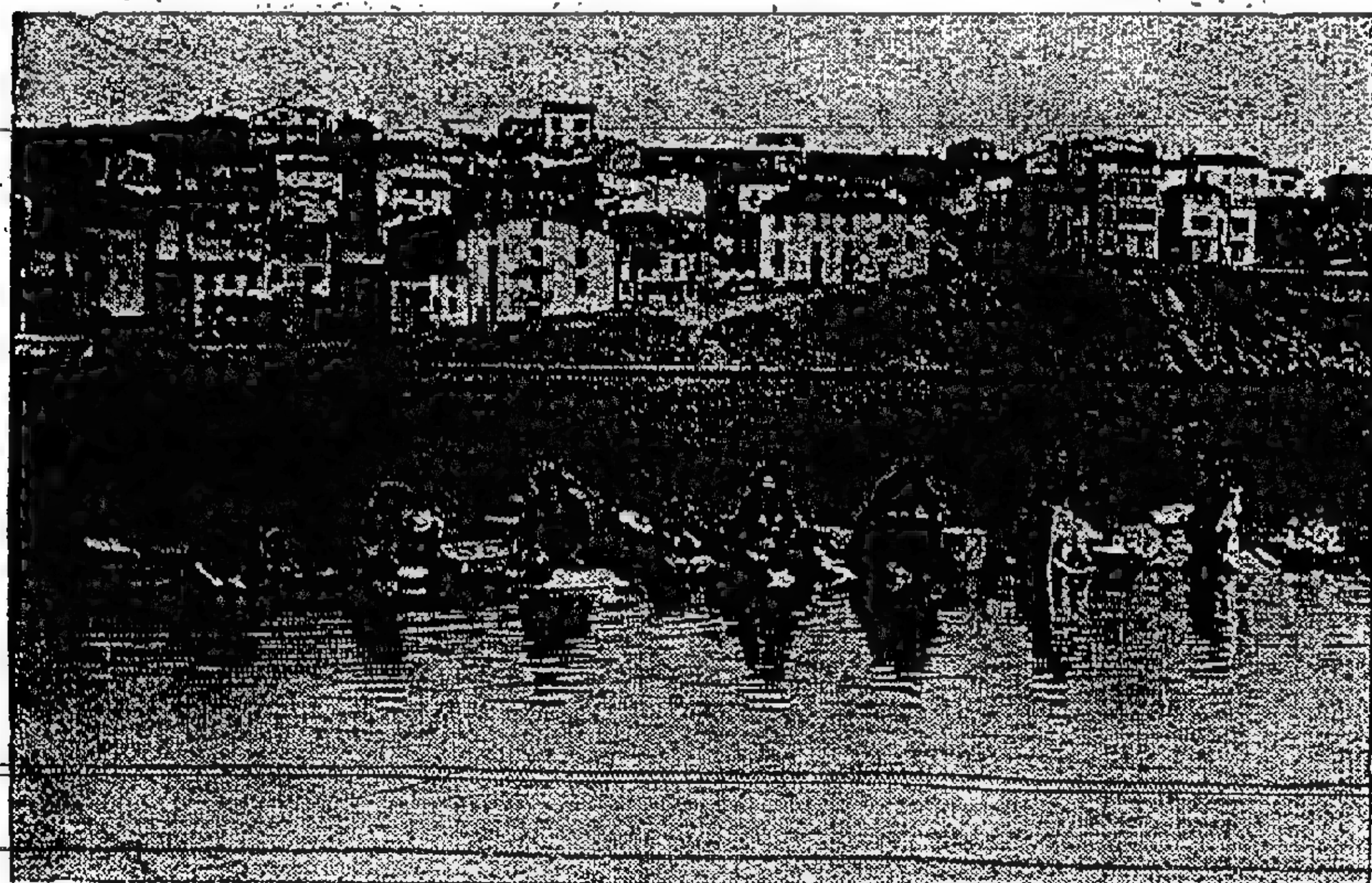
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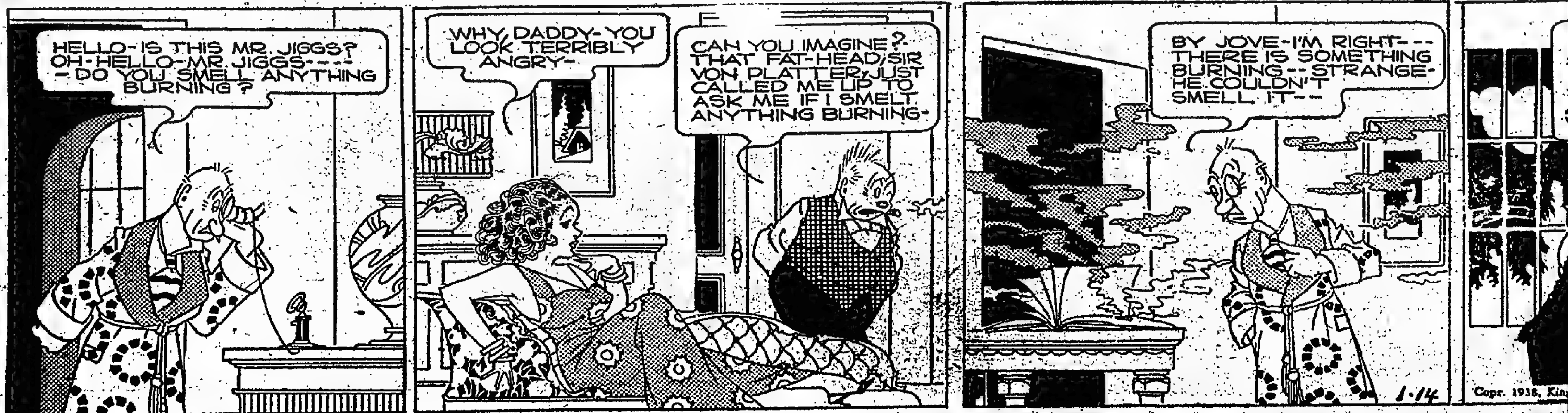
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(The reference was to the new graving dock, named King George VI Dock).

The King also sent best wishes to the many distinguished representatives present at the ceremony.—Reuter.

Eden And Chamberlain Discuss Japanese Naval Reply

London, To-day.

The Japanese reply to the request for information on naval construction was the subject of further talks between the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday.

Although nothing is known concerning the result of the talks, political circles believe that decisions as to what steps should be taken will not be announced for some days.

In this connection, it is pointed out that reports from Tokyo yesterday seem to indicate that the Japanese attitude is not quite so intransigent as at first appeared.

REASONS OF PRESTIGE

According to these reports, reasons of prestige lie behind the Japanese intimation yesterday that Japan might answer the request for information unofficially.

It is thought here, therefore, that the situation may possibly undergo considerable change at the last minute.—Trans-Ocean.

COMMONS QUESTION

The Japanese reply was mentioned at Commons' question-time. After recalling the contents of the Japanese Note, the Foreign Secretary said the situation resulting from the reply would be examined by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in consultation with the naval powers with which they were in treaty relations.—British Wireless.

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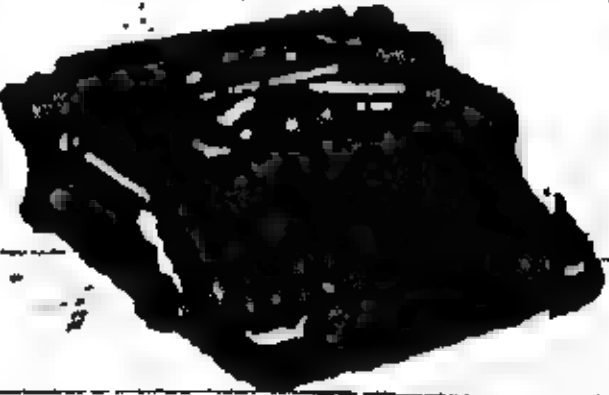
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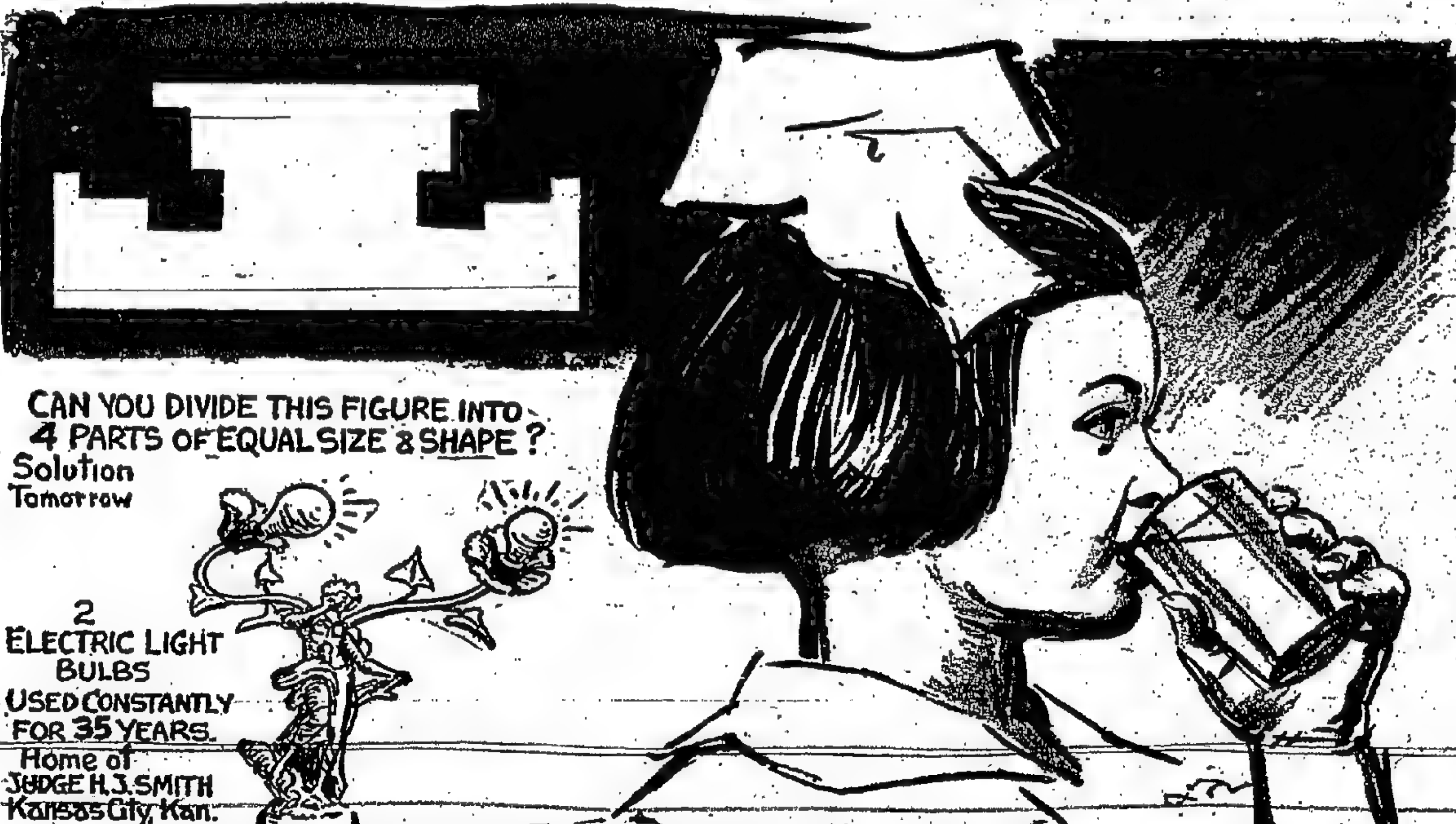
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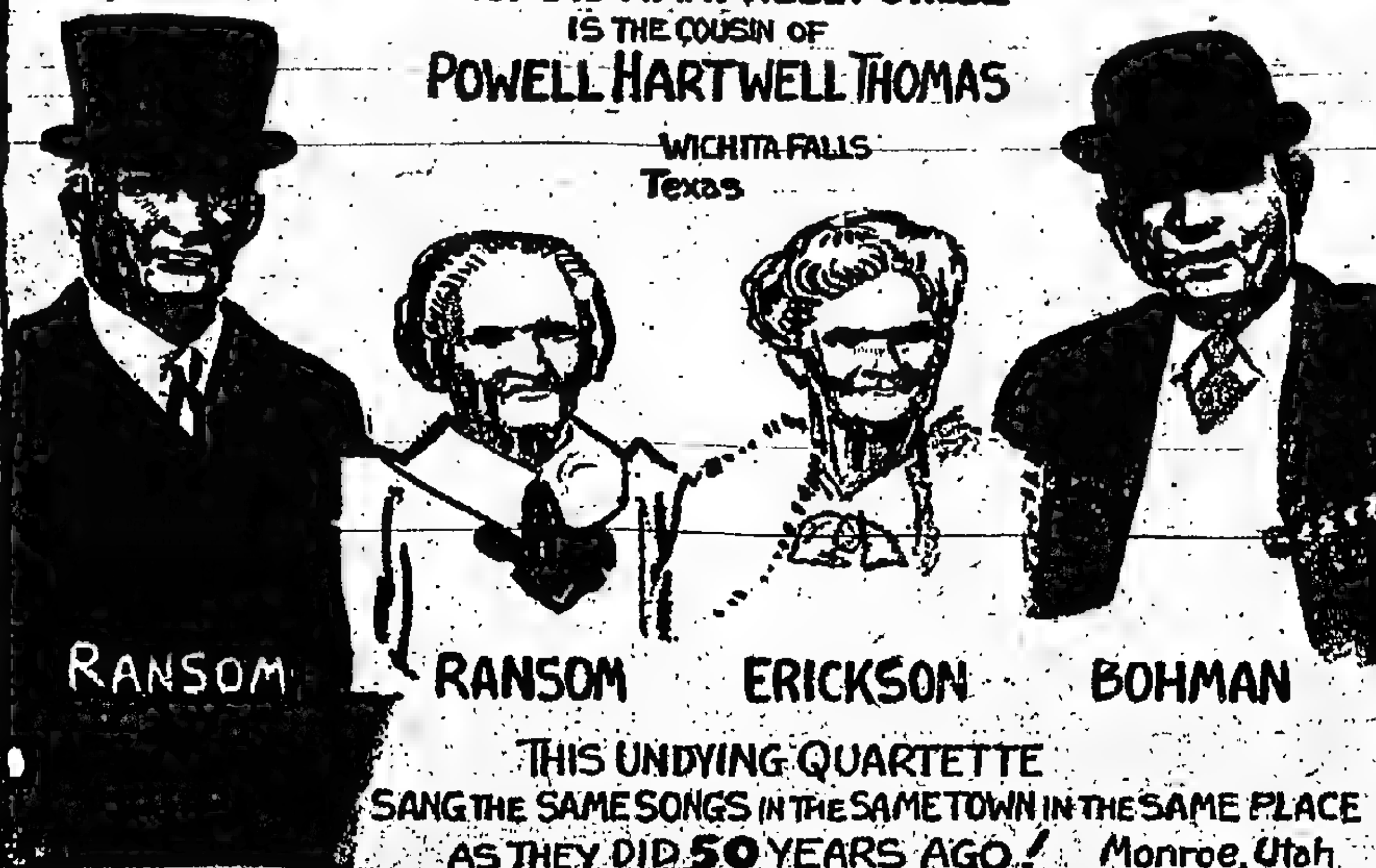
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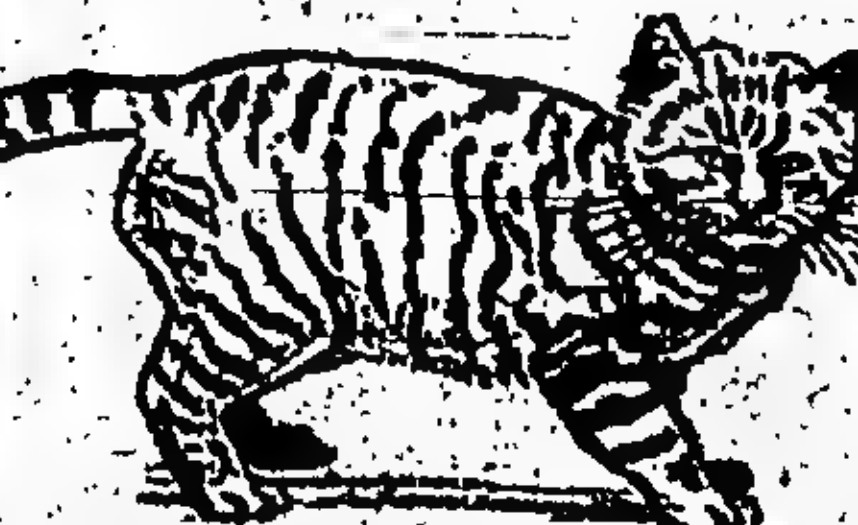
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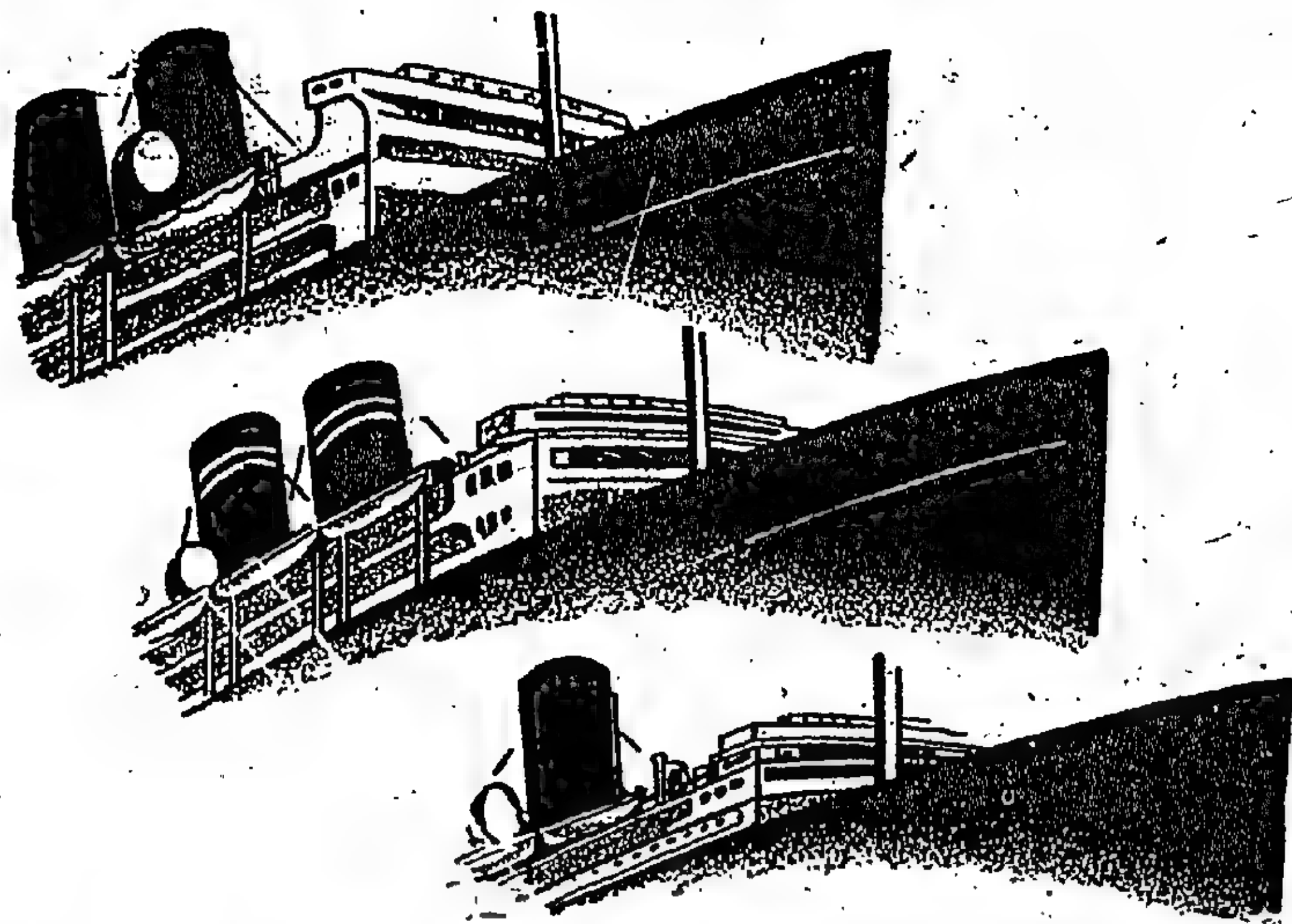


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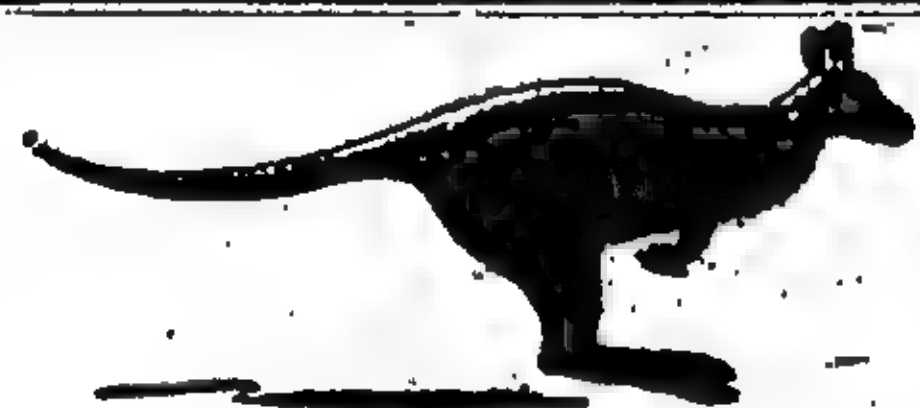
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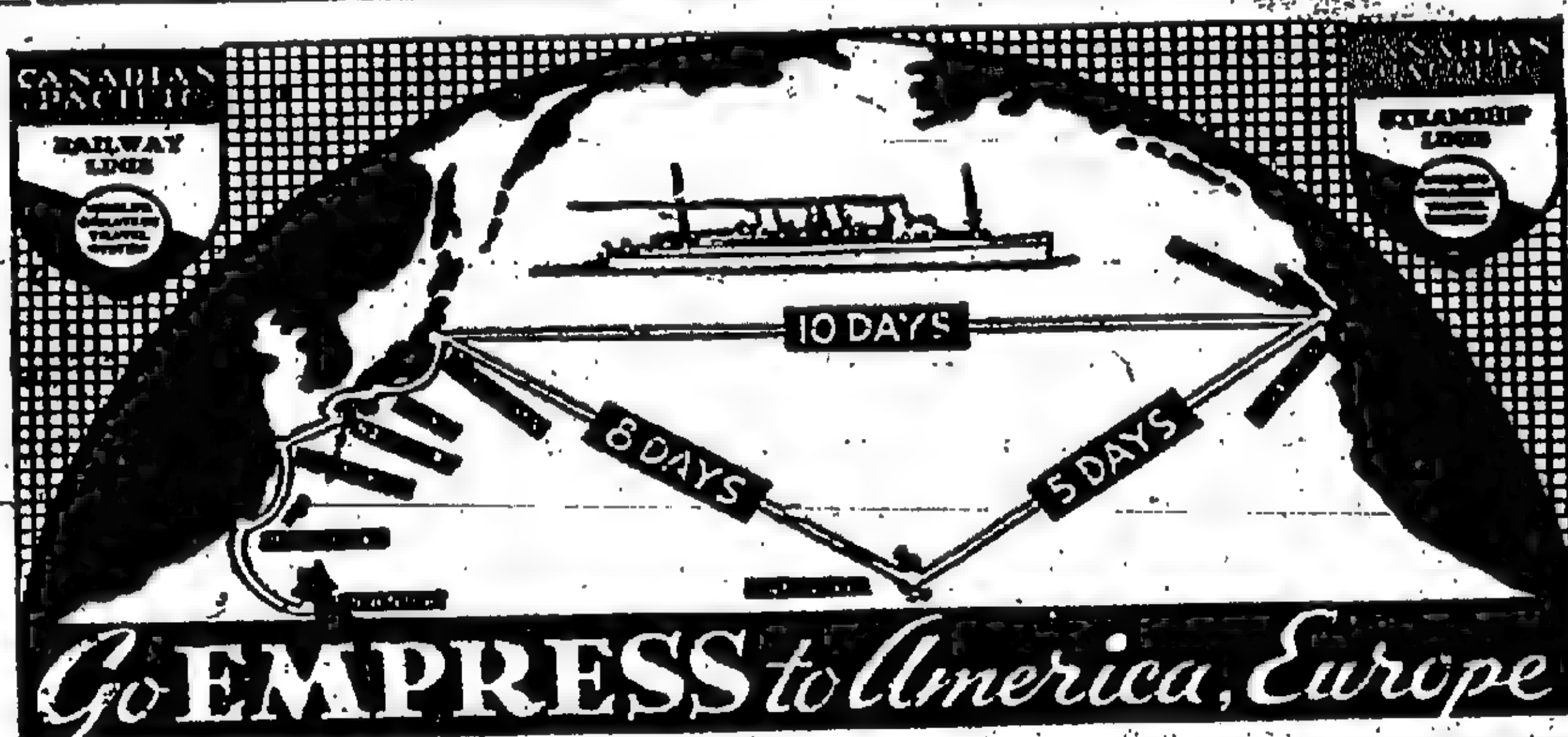
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The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Tuesday, February 8, in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Those present were: Mr. B. Wylie (President), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. R. P. Phillips (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. R. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary), the Hon. Mr. L. D'Almada e Castro, Jr., Messrs. B. W. Bradbury, W. C. Felshaw, Li Chor Chi, C. M. Manners, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, C. E. Terry, Rev. J. R. Higgs, and Miss R. Mow Fung. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. E. W. Gardiner, Messrs. Lam Ming Fan, W. J. Rattey, D. W. Munton, and H. Gittins.

A Sub-Committee submitted a report advocating the planting of trees in many specified areas in Kowloon. After some discussion, this was referred back for consideration regarding the advisability of recommending the removal of trees from certain positions in which they constituted a danger to traffic.

CABLE OFFICE

A letter from a member was read, drawing attention to the need for a cable and wireless office in Kowloon. It was decided that a letter should be sent to Messrs. Cable and Wireless Ltd., on the lines suggested in the letter, mentioning also the large number of passengers from ships moored at the Kowloon Wharves to whom such an office would be of great benefit.

The Traffic Sub-Committee reported that it was working in conjunction with the Automobile Association in consideration of the traffic "circus" installed in Waterloo Road.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Friday, March 4, at 6 p.m.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-3/16 and forward at 19-11/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.0245 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$5.02%.

COCOA COMMISSION

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons on the difficulties of cocoa producers in West Africa, the Colonial Secretary announced that at the instance of the Gold Coast and Nigeria, he has decided to appoint a Commission of Enquiry to examine and report on the marketing of cocoa, with special reference to the situation which has arisen as the result of the buying agreement entered into between certain firms, and to submit recommendations.

The personnel of the Commission would consist of three members in no way connected with West Africa. They would leave at the earliest possible date.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S TRADE IN JANUARY

London, To-day.

Britain's overseas trades figures for January in respect of both exports and imports are higher for the first month of any year since 1930.

British exports were valued at £41,183,132 against £43,881,518 in December and £38,100,726 in January, 1937.

Imports totalled £84,956,340 against £93,327,639 in the previous month and £75,718,023 a year ago. Re-exports were £4,978,728 and £5,076,029.—British Wireless.

COAL BILL CHANGES

London, To-day.

A prolonged debate on the Committee stage of the Coal Bill in the course of which the Government have conceded a number of important changes to opponents of the Bill among their own followers, was brought to a conclusion in the Commons last evening.—British Wireless.

ARTIST'S ESTATE

London, To-day.

Philip Laszlo, the well known portrait painter, who died last November, left £141,096.—British Wireless.



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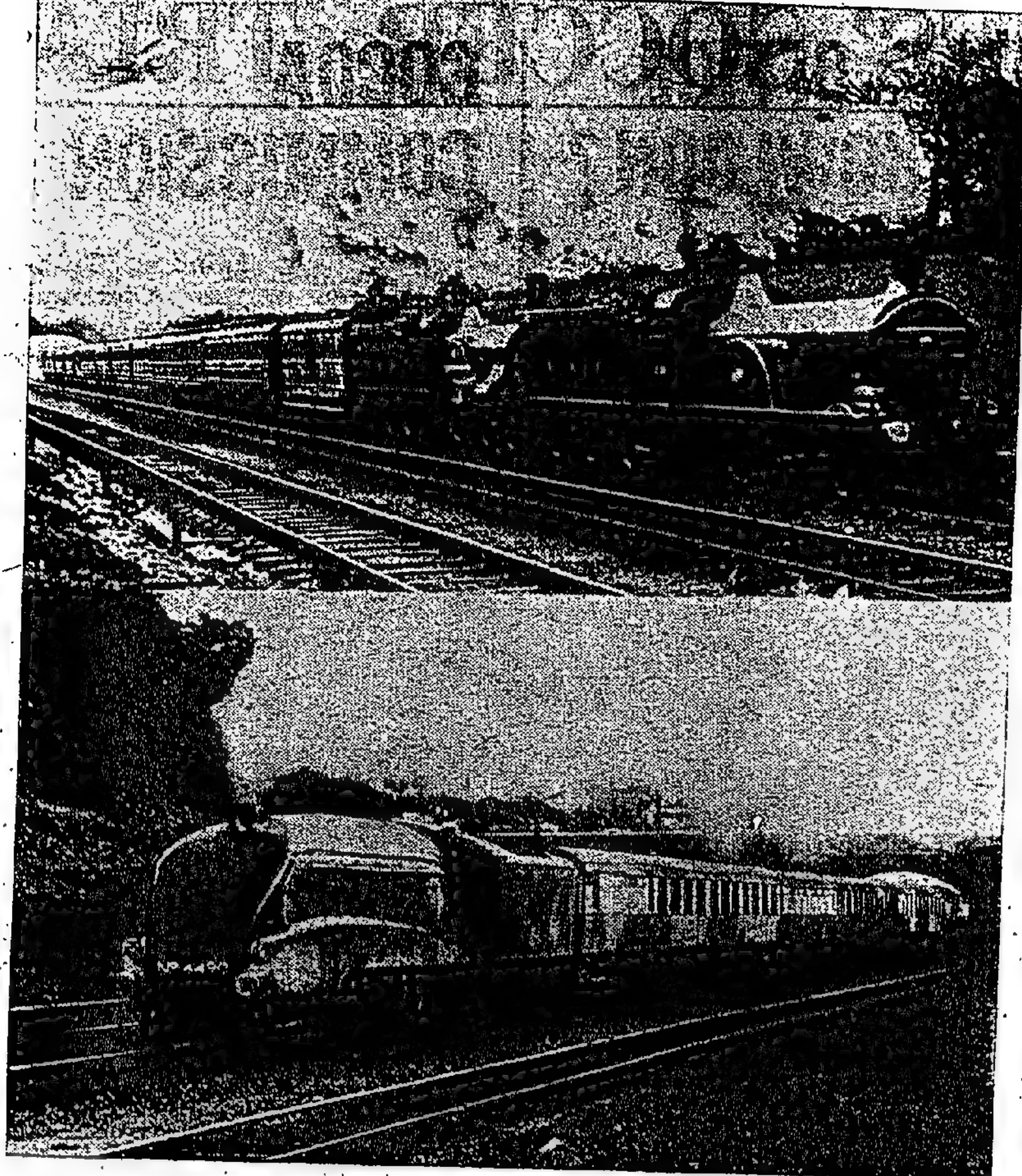
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FARM BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington, To-day. The Senate yesterday passed the Government's Farm Bill, which now awaits the President's signature.

The new Bill is based on the existing Soil Conservation Act and establishes drastic control over production and marketing of cotton, wheat, maize, tobacco and rice.

As the cost involved is estimated to exceed the \$500,000,000 available under the soil conservation programme, it is believed the immediate result will be a drive towards revival of the old Agricultural Adjustment Administration processing taxes, particularly on cotton and wheat.—Reuter.

COST OF LIVING IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day. The cost of living in Shanghai has risen 35 per cent. from the outbreak of hostilities, according to official index figures now published by the S.M.C.

Greatest increase occurred in the price of petrol, which rose 100 per cent.

Main increase in the price of food was 50 per cent.

Rents and articles of clothing alone showed no increase.—Trans-Ocean.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Feb./March 23½ b. Up ½.
April/June 23½ b. Up ½.
July/Sept. 24 b. Up ½.
Market:—Dull.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank	\$1495 b., \$1520 s., \$1500 sa., c.d.
Hong Kong Bank (Lon. Reg.)	£87½ b. ex. div.
INSURANCES	
Union Ins.	\$505 b., \$507½ s.
China Underwriters	\$140 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	\$60 b.
H. K. Steamboats	\$10½/11 sa.
Union Waterboats	\$9.30 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H. K. and K. Wharves	\$117½ b.
H. K. and W. Docks	\$28½ b.
Providents (Old)	\$2.55 b., \$2.60/65 sa.
MINING	
Antamoks Ps.	.65 sa.
Atoks Ps.	.29 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps.	.24 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps.	.90 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	.69 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps.	.011 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	.44½ sa.
I. X. L. Ps.	.72 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps.	.28½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	.76 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps.	.22½ sa.
United Paracales Ps.	.57 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. and S. Hotels	\$6.15 b.
H. K. Lands	\$33½ sa.
H. K. Realities	\$5½ b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$15½ b.
Peak Trams (Old)	\$6½ b.
Peak Trams (New)	\$3½ sa.
Yaumati Ferries	\$24½ b.
China Lights (Old)	\$10.90 b.
China Lights (New)	\$7.45 b.
H. K. Electrics	\$56½ sa.
Macao Electrics	\$19½ sa.
Telephones (Old)	\$25.80 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cements	\$13.90 b., \$13.90 sa.
H. K. Ropes	\$4½ b., \$4½ sa.
STORES, &C.	
Dairy Farms	\$25.10 b.
Watsons	\$5.40 b.
Wm. Powell, Ltd.	65 cts. s.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Entertainments	\$6½ b.
Constructions	\$1½ b.
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan	1½%pm. b.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	s/- 5/- b.

The Royal Engineers Old Comrades' Association are holding their usual 'Fortnightly Dance' in the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday. During the interval a Cabaret turn will be given by 'The Raeburn Juveniles' from Eastbourne.

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COMBINED SERVICES' SOCCER TRIAL

PEARSON SHOULD LEAD ATTACK BUT NEEDED ON L-WING

DUNCAN SHINES IN GOAL: BRIGHT BEST HALF WATSON GRAND AT FULL-BACK

(By "OUTSIDE-LEFT")

THE Combined Services held their final soccer trial yesterday at Sookunpoo before selecting their team to meet the Islington Corinthians, next Sunday and despite poor conditions, some very bright play was witnessed.

Probables were much the better of Possibles throughout the two halves despite the many changes made, although it is to be regretted that there is not another good Service outside-left in the Colony, which would then enable Pearson to fill the centre-forward berth, instead of the left-wing.

Duncan was much the safer of the two goalkeepers, although he was passed on six occasions during the second-half, and had practically no chance of stopping any of the shots.

In the second fifteen minutes off the first-half, however, Duncan, playing for the Possibles, brought off some glorious saves from almost point-blank range from Pearson and Calvert, and in those few moments earned his place in the team. The two goalkeepers were made to change places, and Church did not strike me as being fully confident to deal with the shots directed at him.

Watson and Sheehan were easily the pick of the two backs on display, and the former is in line for Interport honours next season if he maintains anything like yesterday's form.

BRIGHT SHINES

Bright was a tower of strength in the Probables centre-half berth, and was given excellent support by Williamson and Ferris, although

The following were selected last night as the Services team to meet Islington Corinthians next week:

CHURCH (ROYAL NAVY),
WATSON (M'SEX),
SHEEHAN (M'SEX),
WILLIAMSON (SEAFORTHS) CAPTAIN,
BRIGHT (M'SEX),
FERRIS (ROYAL NAVY),
GROGAN (M'SEX),
McGUIGAN (SEAFORTHS),
CALVERT (R.A.),
SAW (M'SEX),
PEARSON (M'SEX).

Reserves.—Duncan (Royal Scots), Fraser (Royal Scots), Land (R.E.), Aisey (Royal Scots), Courtney (M'sex).

REFEREES FOR CORINTHIAN SOCCER SERIES

"Up For The Cup"

The half-monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Referees' Association was held yesterday. Mr. T. G. Stokes took the chair after over a year's absence on leave.

In a short talk entitled "Up for the Cup," Mr. Stokes recounted his experiences at the recent Cup-final match in England.

The following referees have been invited by the South China Athletic Association to officiate at the Corinthians matches:

R. M. Omar, February 19, Corinthians v. S.C.A.A. Linesmen, J. H. Lawrence, E. E. Sidebottom.

K. K. Ip, February 20, Corinthians v. Services. Linesmen, H. J. Smyth, G. F. Finch.

D. Kossick, February 26, Corinthians v. Civilians. Linesmen, W. Day, A. A. Barton.

S. MacComack, February 27, Corinthians v. All Hong Kong. Linesmen, C. L. H. Martin, H. E. Ottaway.

All except Sidebottom, who has left the Colony, have accepted.



Had it been a dry day I would much preferred to have seen McKusker on Probables' left-flank.

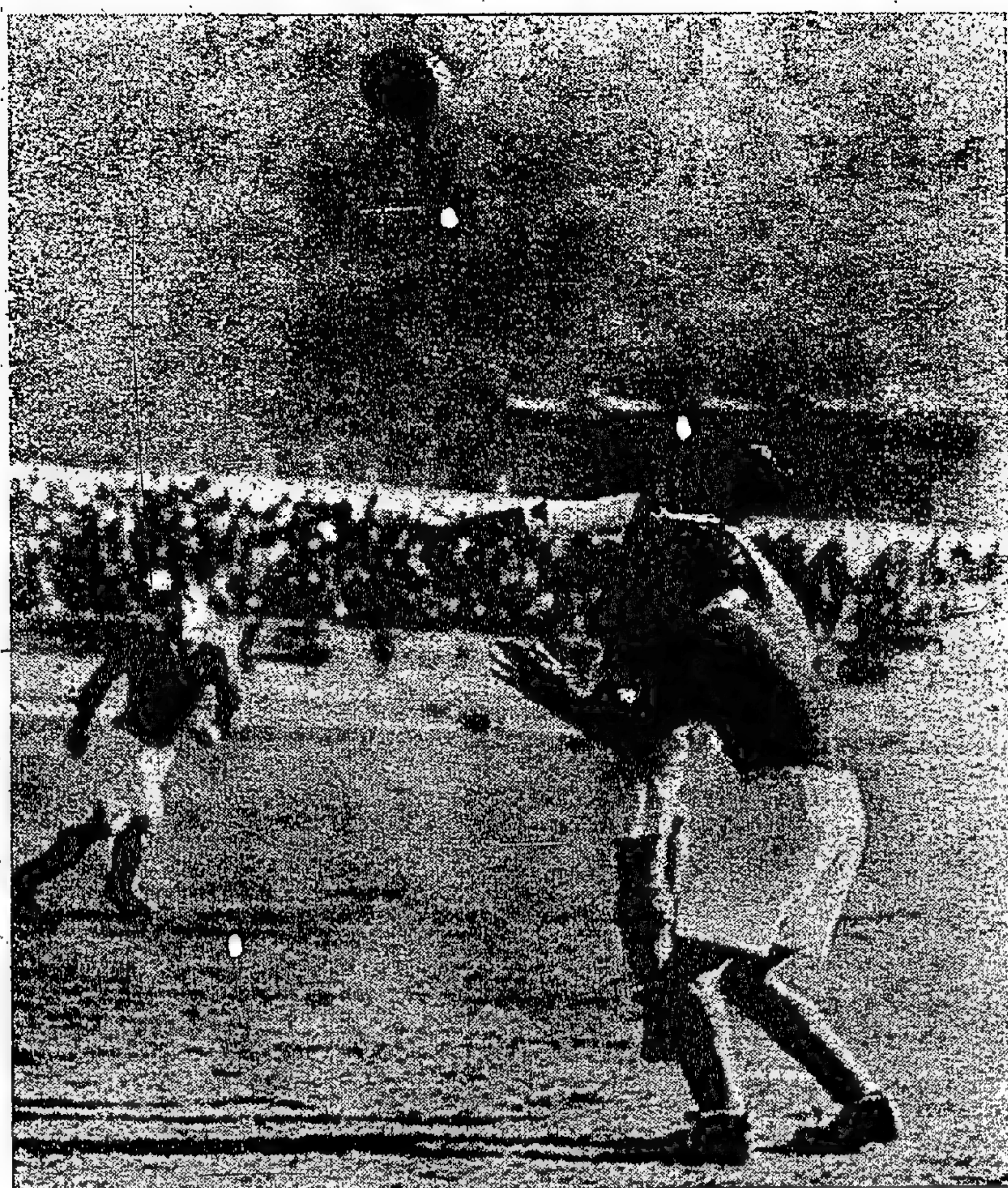
Ferris is a typical Navy half-back, very neat and with perfect confidence, but he is lacking in speed and against the Corinthians this is likely to prove a major handicap.

There are two men who could fill the centre-forward berth, Pearson and Calvert. Both have terrific drives and both can use their head, although Pearson is clearly the better of the two.

A PITY

The Services, however, are lacking in another effective left-winger and Pearson gave a sound display here, so it is only logical that he should fill the left-wing berth and Calvert the centre-forward positions.

The other players in the attack more or less select themselves. Grogan is the only selection for the outside-right berth and the same applies to McGuigan, at inside-right. Saw, who barked a shin last Saturday and who was an absentee yesterday, should fill the inside-left berth.



Chan Tak-fai, the South China centre-forward against the Islington Corinthians, is seen heading a ball into the Royal Scots' goalmouth in last Sunday's friendly encounter which South China won by 4 goals to 1. ("Mail" photo).

F. A. CUP SIXTH ROUND DRAW

HOLDERS PLAYING AWAY FROM HOME

London, To-day.
The following is the draw for the Sixth Round of the F. A. Cup Competition, which will be held on Saturday, March 5:
Chesterfield or Tottenham v. Sunderland
Charlton or Aston Villa v. Manchester C.
Brentford v. Preston
York v. Huddersfield
—Reuter.

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND DRAW

ABERDEEN AWAY TO EAST FIFE

London, To-day.
The following is the draw for the Third Round of the Scottish F. A. Cup Competition, which will be played on March 5:
Celtic v. Kilmarnock.
Morton v. Queen's Park or Ayr.
East Fife v. Aberdeen.
Partick v. Raith.
Falkirk v. Albion.
Stenhousemuir or Motherwell v. Hamilton.
Rangers and St. Bernard's or King's Park have received byes into the fourth round.
—Reuter.

HALIFAX HELD AT HOME BY YORK

London, To-day.
In the Third Division (north), Halifax and York shared four goals in the former's home fixture.
—Reuter.

TENNYSON'S XI WIN RUBBER AGAINST ALL-INDIA

Bombay, Yesterday.
Lord Tennyson's XI won an interesting match against All-India by 156 runs and thus won the rubber by the odd game in five.
Scores:—
Lord Tennyson's XI—130 (Amar Singh 5 for 47) and 288 (Pope 49).
All-India—131 (Pope 5 for 49, Wellard 4 for 59) and 131 (Wellard 5 for 58, Pope 3 for 28).
This was the last First-Class cricket match in which Lord Tennyson will play, as he has announced his retirement.
The following is the record of the tourists:—

P.	W.	D.	L.
24	8	11	5

—Reuter.

CLUB HOCKEY TEAM FOR FRIDAY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club in a friendly game against the Middlesex Regiment on the Club ground, at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18:
V. M. Benwell; J. E. Potter and E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed and N. D. Whitley; S. Fowler; T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Bickford and V. Bond.

ULSTER FINDS A NEW T.T. COURSE NEW 'ARDS' IN ANTRIM

Belfast, January 4.

DISCUSSIONS on the future of the Tourist Trophy race for motor-cars advanced a stage to-day when the Finance Committee of Antrim County Council inspected a suggested course in the Glengormly district.

Ulster lost the race in 1936 when Down County Council banned the use of the famous Ards circuit following a serious accident. Last year it was held at Donington, Leicester.

Mr. Robert Crawford, M.P., chairman of the Finance Committee, stated after to-day's meeting: "We shall recommend the Council to grant permission for the race, but our unanimous view is that the course should not run through Temple Patrick. "We suggest that part of the course should be over some of the roads on the Belfast side of the village.

"Capt. Thompson, of the Ulster Automobile Club, who was informed of the committee's decision, has agreed to discuss the matter with the R.A.C. and inform us whether the club can agree to this.

"If so the committee's recommendation will go forward.

"We insist that all expenses, direct or indirect, and insurance must be borne by the promoters or by the Government."

POLICE R.C. POSTPONE LEAGUE CRICKET ENCOUNTER

Owing to the opening of the Race Week and other sporting attractions next Saturday, the Police have had to postpone their Second Division League cricket encounter against the Kowloon Cricket Club.

R.H.K.G.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Draw For First Round

The draw for the first round of the 1938 Junior Section Championship, of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, has been made and is as follows:

R. L. Rodgers v. E. H. Watts, bye, H. N. Moran v. J. Gellatly; A. T. Braley v. G. Davies; A. L. Powell v. F. A. Dunnett; T. B. Low v. J. F. Smedley; J. W. Macdonald v. Hugh Smith; G. E. Willerton, bye.

The 1st. round to be played on March 6; 2nd. round on March 20; semi-final on April 3; final (36 holes) on April 17.

Matches must be played on the morning of the dates laid down unless competitors agree mutually to an earlier date. The first name in each bracket is the challenger and is responsible for the time and date. All matches to be played to a finish, weather permitting, and the winner should enter the results.

Local Sports Gossip

There is evidence that Chinese actors are taking up soccer. Ma Tze-chun, the well-known stage and screen star, is applying to the Naval Recreation Ground authorities for permission to practice football on that ground every Sunday morning.

Lieut. J. M. Calvert, who was in charge of Hong Kong Area Swimming prior to his departure for Shanghai some months ago, has returned to the Colony and will probably be seen in action this coming Summer. A prominent member of the V.R.C., his services were badly missed during the past Summer.

I hear that H. B. Neve, the well known H.K.C.C. cricketer who returned to the Colony last Saturday night from Canton after an absence of six months, has taken up badminton and may join the Free Lances.

Colony table-tennis enthusiasts will be given an opportunity during the last week of this month of watching Miklos Szabados, former holder of the world's singles title, and Istvan Kelen, co-holder of the doubles title on many occasions, in action in a Hong Kong theatre. It is probable that the Hungarian champions will also give exhibitions at other venues, playing against local Chinese aces.

Sit Kok-sin, a great supporter of local sport, who recently took an Athletic eleven to play a number of games in Macao, is a spectator at most of the big football games, often being seen with Mr. Chen Chung-tung, popular member of the Police Reserve.

I understand that E. Porter, who managed the Volunteer baseball team last year, will be looking after the interests of the Filipino Club this coming season, while F. Simonsen will be in charge of the Volunteer, or Battery, side.

Miss Helen Bockler, whom it will be recalled was one of the Colony's outstanding lady hockey players prior to her departure for the North, was recently invited to play for one of the Shanghai League teams, scoring three goals out of a total of six. While in the Colony she played for the Diocesan Girls' School team.

D. Low, who played at full-back for the Club "A" fifteen against H.M.S. Cumberland last Saturday, should in time develop into a very sound player. He tackles well and has a keen sense of anticipation. Above all he can kick a good length ball and has a sound sense of direction. His father used to play full-back for the Club junior and senior soccer elevens.

—THE JUDGE.



Dr. Hilario Camino Moncado, president of the Filipino Federation of America, and champion golfer of the Philippines is seen above astride horse at Los Angeles Breakfast Club, where he was the guest of honour with Fred Perry, to his left, and Elsworth Vines, to his right. On the right and left flanks are Elmer Jones, who decorates Los Angeles for all conventions, and Harry Hammond Beall, prominent Pacific Coast publicist.

F. A. League's £100,000 Trust Fund For Needy Players

TO HELP MEN RETIRING FROM THE GAME

LONDON, JANUARY 11.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE HAS SET UP A JUBILEE £100,000 FUND TO HELP NEEDY PLAYERS AND CLUBS. IT WILL BE CALLED THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUBILEE BENEVOLENT FUND, AND WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, the League president, said yesterday that it was hoped to arrange a full League programme, comprising "Derby" games, for the third Saturday in August in aid of the fund, to provide the nucleus of which the League also hoped to receive £1,000 from First Division club, £500 from each Second Division club, and £250 each from the Third Division clubs.

In connection with the August programmes, Mr. Sutcliffe said that League points would not be at stake, as clubs may meet opponents from different divisions. He is drawing up a fixture list, which he will shortly submit to the management committee.

"We shall not want injuries in these matches," remarked Mr. Sutcliffe, "but we will want the public to see football at its very best."

NOT LEFT STRANDED

"This is a big scheme, and will be in the nature of a trust fund," said Mr. Sutcliffe. "It will, in my judgment, remove any suspicion or suggest that the players are being left either stranded or not reasonably provided for after their playing days are over."

"It is always a problem for the professional, having finished his footballing, to start a new career," said Mr. Fred Howarth, secretary of the League, yesterday.

SOME HAVE BENEFITS!

"Some players are all right because they have had useful benefits, but most of the men have had nothing but their £3 or £4 a week all the time."

"These men have contributed to the game and should, in many cases, be given something to start them in business. Also they may be in need of financial assistance because of ill-health."

Mr. George F. Allison, manager of Arsenal, said: "I think it is a good idea. I am sure no club would object to giving its help to the cause."

RECREIO OVERWHELM KING'S COLLEGE

M. A. Oliveira On Injured List

Even without the services of M. A. Oliveira, who, owing to a sprained ankle was unable to play and was substituted by C. N. da Silva, Club de Recreio "A" overwhelmed King's College by nine games to nil, in the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night.

St. Andrew's Club conceded a walk-over to the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association in the same division, while the match between University "B" and Club de Recreio "B" was postponed by mutual agreement.

The following were the results of the match between Recreio "A" and King's College:

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio) beat S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung 21-1

beat H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui 21-10
beat W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo 21-12

H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros (Recreio) beat Chan and Chung 21-7
beat Woo and Lui 23-20
beat Chung and Lo 21-12

J. J. Remedios and C. N. Silva (Recreio) beat Chan and Chung 21-8
beat Woo and Lui 21-11
beat Chung and Lo 21-11

BRITISH CARS TO RACE ABROAD

Triple Challenge
To Germany

(By A. G. THROSSELL)

London, January 13.

British racing cars are again to compete in international Grand Prix races after an interval of 15 years. The domination of the two German teams, which last year completely monopolised all open events, will be challenged on all sides, for France as well as Britain is returning to this arena.

Grand Prix cars this year have to conform to a new formula, designed to keep speeds within more manageable limits and to produce cars less hopelessly divorced from the cars of commerce. Last year's 200 m.p.h. freaks weighed rather less than an English family "ten," had 500 h.p. engines under their bonnets, and cost about £5,000 each to build.

Under the new formula, cars may have engines up to 3 litres capacity (about 20 h.p. in our rating) supercharged, or 4½ litres (about 30 h.p.) unsupercharged, and there is a minimum weight limit varying according to engine size.

The racing season does not begin until well on in the spring, but already two German "stables," three in France, one and possibly two in Italy, and one in England are actively preparing for what promises to be the most open and keenly fought series of international races since the old Gordon Bennett days.

FIRST GRAND PRIX E.R.A.

At Bourne, in Lincolnshire, home of Hereward the Wake, the E.R.A. syndicate, whose Mæcenae is Mr. Humphrey Cook, are building their first Grand Prix car, to carry the British green against the white of Germany, the red of Italy, and the blue of France.

Last year the 1½-litre E.R.A. was phenomenally successful; it won more races (limited to cars of its own size) than did either Mercedes or Auto-Union. For 1938 they are building a car with an engine of 2½ litres. It will have to compete on level terms with the 3-litre Germans and the 4½-litre "unblown" French, but still should give a good account of itself.

A CROWDED CALENDAR

Its first appearance is likely to be at the German Nurburg Ring in June, and it will be seen on its native soil in the Donington Grand Prix, if not before.

Starting with an international race at Cork in April, at which the promoters hope to get entries from abroad, the racing calendar is crowded with events right up to October, and after the great success of the big race at Donington last autumn, when the German cracks showed us their paces, there will be a keen demand to see at least one real international struggle on English soil this season.

FISHLOCK JOINS GILLINGHAM

Gillingham F.C. have obtained the signature of Fishlock, the Surrey and England cricketer, and former amateur international footballer. Southampton recently gave Fishlock a free transfer.



Johnny Goodman, above, the reigning United States Amateur golf champion, is a member of their 1938 Walker Cup golf team which is reviewed by George Greenwood in the next column.

GOLF JOTTINGS AT HOME AND ABROAD

(By J. FERRIER)

Sydney, January 14.

For the second successive year Harry Cooper was the outstanding professional golfer in the United States. He not only topped the averages with 71.58 strokes a round for 78 tournament rounds, but he also was the greatest prize winner, with nearly 14,000 dollars.

The American averages, it is seen, show how little separates leading professionals. Ten players had an average of 72 a round for a season's play.

The earnings of the leading 12 players ranged from Cooper's 14,000 dollars to 4,000 dollars. Gene Sarazen was eighth with 5,500 dollars.

N. von Nida's success in Manila was a just reward for a player who has absolutely lived for golf. He has given the game all his time, practising and playing more than any other professional.

It was not surprising to see Japanese players taking a prominent part among von Nida's opponents. In recent years Japan's leading professionals have made a yearly tour of the United States and have thus benefited their game greatly.

One of the most interesting comparisons seen for some time is a series of photographs in a British golf journal of the putting grips and stances of prominent British and American professionals.

The four Americans selected all had the same grip and stance and appeared comfortable. The Englishmen had a varied collection of grips and stances.

These contrasts may have much to do with the superiority of American professionals on and around the greens. There are definite fundamentals attached to putting which must be adhered to for success in that department of the game.

V. S. Richardson, in preparation for next season, has discovered a

AMERICAN WALKER CUP TEAM FOR ENGLAND

FOUR PLAYERS OF 1936
SIDE RETAINED

YOUTHFUL NEWCOMERS

London, January 10.

THE United States Golf Association has invited the following to represent the United States in the Walker Cup match against Great Britain at St. Andrews on June 3 and 4: F. Ouimet (non-playing captain) (Woodland G.C., Auburndale, Mass.), R. Billows (Dutchess Golf and Country Club, Poughkeepsie, New York), J. W. Fischer (Highland Country Club, Fort Thomas, Kentucky), J. Goodman (Omaha Field Club, Omaha, Nebraska), F. Haas (Louisiana State University G.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana), C. Kocsis (Red Run G.C., Royal Oak, Michigan), Reynolds Smith (Lakewood Country Club, Dallas, Texas), M. Ward (Tacoma Country and Golf Club, Tacoma, Washington), and C. R. Yates (Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Georgia).

Alternatives: T. Suffern Taler (Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, New York) and D. K. Moe (Alderwood Country Club, Portland, Oregon).

Four of the nominated players, writes George Greenwood, were members of the 1936 team which routed the British players at Pine Valley by nine matches to nil, with three halved.

The four are Johnny Goodman, the reigning amateur champion, Johnny Fischer, who beat Jack McLean at the 37th hole in the final of the American championship two years ago, Reynolds Smith, champion of Texas, and Charlie Yates, of Atlanta, a golfing friend of Bobby Jones.

Goodman is a romantic figure. Starting as a caddie at Omaha, he made his way to tournaments by acting as attendant on Trans-Continental cattle trains. While on one of these exploits he arrived at Pebble Beach, California, and in the first round of the championship caused a sensation by beating Bobby Jones.

GOODMAN AS CHAMPION?

Subsequently Goodman, a perky little fellow with all the self-confidence imaginable, won the U.S. Open Championship, beating all the famous professionals. In the last Walker Cup match he beat Hector Thomson, then British champion, by 8 and 2. It is the general belief in America that Goodman will win our championship, to be played at Troon prior to the international match.

Ray Billows, one of the new players, all of whom are youngsters, gets his place in the team by virtue of being runner-up in last year's American Amateur Championship, after beating Fischer in the semi-final. Ward another newcomer to the side, reached the semi-final, in which he was beaten by Goodman.

CAPTAIN AGAIN

Once again Francis Ouimet, one of the most popular and outstanding figures in world golf, has been appointed captain, again in a non-playing capacity. He has been a member on every U.S. team since the match was instituted in 1922.

Starting life as a caddie, Ouimet won the U.S. Open championship at the age of 20, after a tie with Edward Ray and the late Harry Vardon. This was one of the biggest surprises ever recorded in the history of the game. Ouimet, aged 45, is now a stockbroker at Boston, Mass.

The U.S. team will arrive in this country in time to compete in the Amateur Championship at Troon, which immediately precedes the match at St. Andrews.



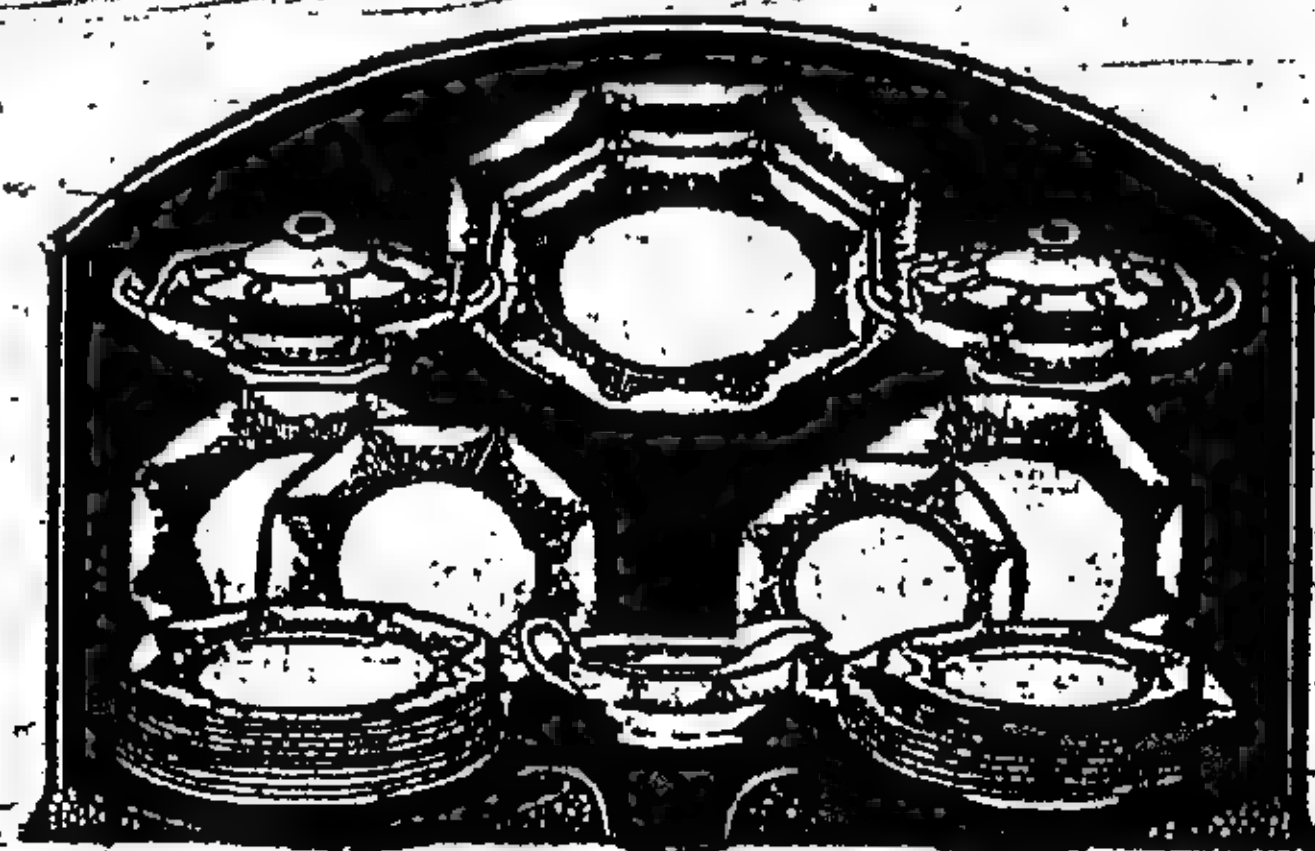
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VON CRAMM'S DONALD BUDGE FAILS WHEN HOLDING MATCH POINT 50 GAMES STRUGGLE IN INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Melbourne, January 10.

KOOYONG was the scene of one of the greatest of Australian lawn tennis matches on Saturday, when the German, Gottfried Cramm, beat J. Donald Budge, 6-4, 8-10, 12-10, to give Germany victory in the triangular international match between Germany, the United States, and Australia.

FOR SUPERLATIVE ALL-ROUND STROKING, ATTACK, MASTERLY DEFENCE, COURAGE, DARING, AND POISE, THIS MATCH HAS NOT BEEN EQUALLED AT KOOYONG. CRAMM WON, BUT SO EVEN WAS THE BATTLE THAT THERE WAS EQUAL GLORY FOR BUDGE, WHO HAD ONE MATCH POINT.

These two giants of the amateur lawn tennis world stirred the gallery of 11,000 with their glorious stroking in a Homeric struggle which lasted 1 hour 55 minutes.

A. K. Quist beat C. G. Mako (U.S.A.), 6-3, 7-5, in an entertaining duel to open the international programme for the day, which ended with Quist and J. Bromwich combining perfectly to overwhelm Cramm and H. Henkel, 6-2, 6-1, with splendidly conceived and dominating play.

Cramm's victory against Budge assured Germany of victory in the series, Germany having won from Australia the previous day. The Australia v United States match was unfinished, the doubles from Thursday, Budge-Mako v Quist-Bromwich, being postponed.

BEST IN CRUCIAL GAMES

Both Budge and Cramm produced their best in the key or crucial games. Early in each set both seemed to make many unnecessary errors. In the advantage periods there was a complete absence of wild stroking, and loose shots were few. Controlled speed and length were the keynote. Both constantly searched for openings. The strength of both players and their speed in covering court made it difficult for one to work the other out of position, but when openings were obtained the chances were clinched with unerring skill.

Cramm varied his fluent stroking with slices from both forehand and backhands. Budge used slice occasionally on his backhand. The German was also slightly more aggressive on the forehand.

ATTACKING SHOTS

It was his attacking shots from this side which helped him to make many successful net raids. He was also better than Budge in punishing the sharply-angled backhand across court. Budge had the advantage in the deep backs and driving, and his backhand down the line or back to the forehand corner was stronger. Budge had the better of two powerful services. His first delivery was always more menacing, but Cramm's high-kicking second delivery was as effective as Budge's. Both excelled with their service returns.

It was Cramm's attack which carried him through. He was more willing than Budge to force the play. From the net he had a wide margin of volleys and smashes in his favour, and also made more placements and passing shots. They more than offset Budge's advantage in accuracy. The American made fewer mistakes.

SUPERB DISPLAY



G. Von Cramm, above, gave a superb display against Donald Budge in their international match at Melbourne which the German won after three strenuous sets.

NEW OFFER TO DON BUDGE

"INTEND TO DEFEND
DAVIS CUP"

Sydney, January 11.

Mr. James Johnston, New York sporting promoter, has revealed that he has been negotiating with J. D. Budge, the American tennis player now in Australia, to turn professional. He said he had cabled an offer to Budge and had received the reply: "Offer sounds good. I would like to hear more on my return to the United States on March 1."

Mr. Johnston refused to divulge the nature of the offer.

Budge said that he did not know Mr. Johnston, and declined to reveal the nature of the offer. "Like many others I have received to turn professional," he said, "this offer is very interesting. I have mentioned before, since arriving in Australia, that I intend to help to defend the Davis Cup for America this year. To do that I must remain an amateur."

QUESTION OF JAPANESE TOUR

The Australian Lawn Tennis Association could not consider sending a team to Japan until an invitation had been received from that country, said the secretary, Mr. A. H. Baraclough, when asked to-day whether it was likely that an Australian team would be sent to Japan this year. It was reported by cablegram yesterday that Japan would issue an invitation.

K.G.C. HIGH HANDICAP GOLF COMPETITION

The following are the Starting times for the K.G.C. High Handicap Competition, to be played next Sunday.

9.00 a.m.	C. E. Terry, W. Kershaw.
9.04 "	W. J. Woolley, M. A. Cairns.
9.08 "	E. W. Gardiner, T. Henderson.
9.12 "	G. C. Moss, B. Basto.
9.16 "	H. F. Westlake, W. Stoker.
9.20 "	E. H. Watts, R. M. Wheatcroft.
9.24 "	F. J. Hammick, J. E. R. Humble.

HERIOT'S (F.P.) WELL BEATEN

Record Attendance At
Myreside

(By AIR MAIL)

Glasgow, January 7.

The Watsonians-Heriot's (F.P.) encounter at Myreside, the most important of the Scottish Rugby Championship matches, was something of an anti-climax.

Heriot's never struck their recent fine form. Goldenacre plans went away, and Watsonians were seen in top gear, to register a decisive victory.

That an unusually good and close game was expected was reflected by the attendance of nearly 7000 spectators — the biggest ever at New Myreside.

This reverse to Goldenacre hopes leaves Stewart's College (F.P.) and Dunfermline as joint Championship leaders. Bracketed with them on the table, however, is St. Andrews University, who also have suffered but two defeats. The position with the students' team, though, is that they have played only three Championship matches, gaining their first win against Greenock Wanderers on Saturday.

Saturday's programme was curtailed by frost in the West, and a number of interesting encounters had to be abandoned. Stewart's College (F.P.) were, unfortunately, amongst the clubs which were without a match.

Dunfermline had another good victory, and H. Lind played a notable part in the discomfiture of Gala.

Hawick were also amongst the defeated. Despite J. Beattie's feat of scoring all twelve of his side's points, Hillhead High School (F.P.) won through on their first visit to Mansfield.

Selkirk were winners, but they were in grave danger of defeat from Jedforest until the closing minutes. It was only by a single point that they won through and retained their lead in the Border League.

ed it might lead to his permanent suspension from football.

Beattie will not be eligible for Huddersfield's Cup-tie against Hull City on Saturday, but if his new club reaches the next round he will be available.

He is 25, and has played mostly at inside-right.

G. L. ROGERS' THREE WINS AT CANNES

Kho Sin Kie's Strong
Challenge

THREE MATCH POINTS IN DOUBLES

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

Cannes, January 3.

G. L. Rogers, the Irish champion, won the first Riviera tournament at Beausite to-day.

He was sternly challenged. In the semi-final he only beat H. Ellmer, the Swiss champion, 6-8, 6-3, 7-5, and in the final Kho Sin Kie took the first set and led 4-2.

The Irishman then imposed controlled speed on a tiring opponent and triumphed, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Madame Wievers (Luxembourg) won the women's singles and doubles but lost the mixed doubles final with E. Mer against Rogers and Miss Thomas after three matchballs. The score was 5-7, 7-5, 7-5.

Rogers achieved the hat-trick when he and Ellmer beat Kho Sin Kie and Landau in the final of the men's doubles, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

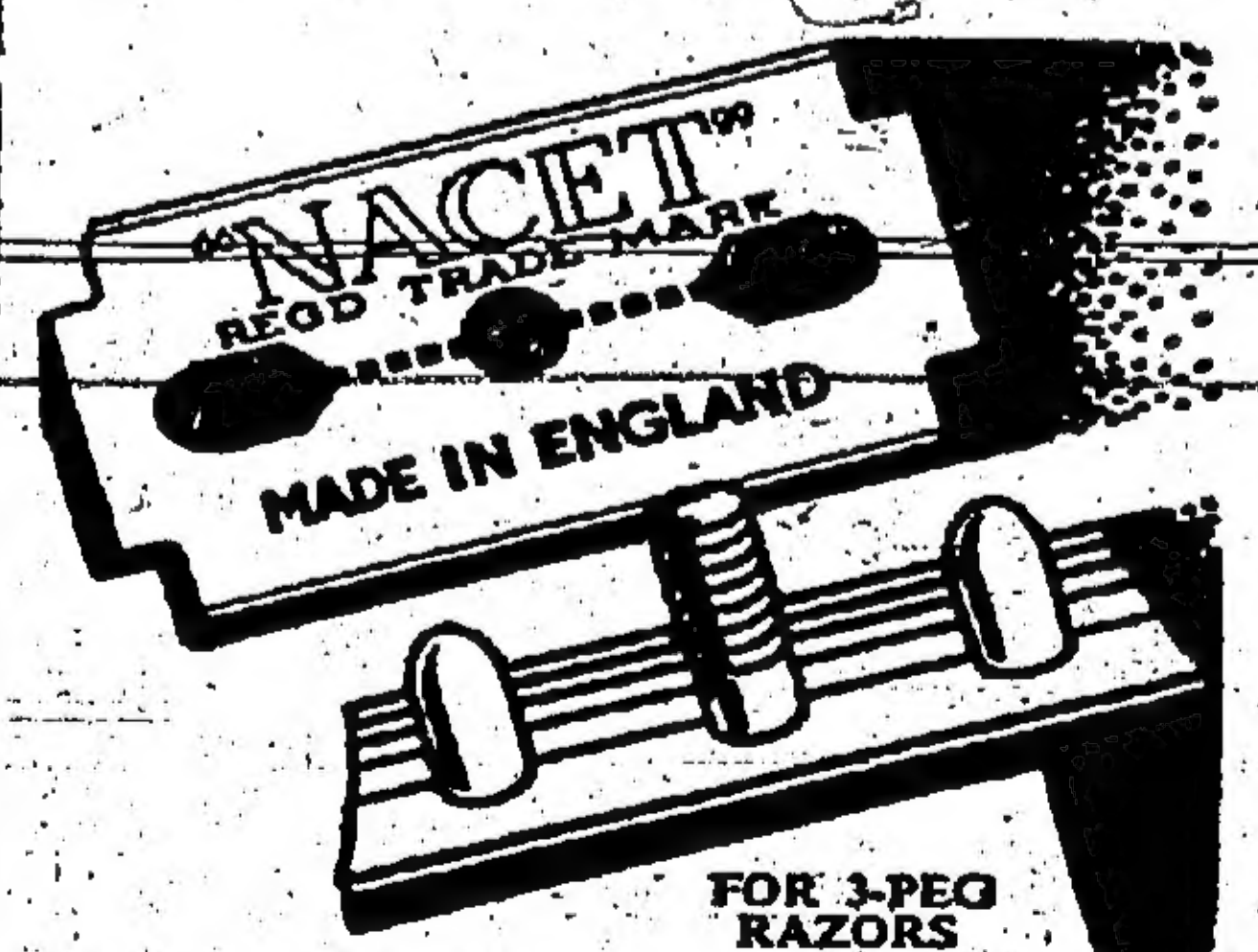
WARNED FOOTBALLER TRANSFERRED

J. M. Beattie's New
Club

London, January 7.

J. M. Beattie, the Birmingham footballer, was transferred to Huddersfield last night. It was revealed earlier yesterday that he had been suspended for 21 days from December 14 by the Football Association Disciplinary Committee.

He was also fined £20, and warned that if any further complaint against him was received and proved



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12.30 p.m.—Raie da Costa (Piano).
Butterflies In The Rain (Reaves & Myers).
Everyone Says 'I Love You' (Kalmar & Rugby).
'Waltz Time'—Medley (Strauss, arr. Levy).
Dancing Butterfly (Young & Petkere).

12.42 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.
Vivienne (Finck).
Longing (Haydn Wood).
The Valley Of The Poppies (Ancliffe).
A Birthday Serenade (Lincke).
The Druid's Prayer—Waltz (Davson).

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—The B.B.C. Orchestras.
Aida—Selection (Verdi).
Grand March (Verdi)...The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra cond. by Percy Pitt.
Overture 'Fingal's Cave,' Op 26 (Mendelssohn).
Overture 'Merry Wives Of Windsor' (Nicolai)...The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Prof. Dr. phil., Dr. ing. h.c. E. Graefe. Subject: 'How Science rectifies Nature.'

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

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7 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.35 p.m.—Studio—Colonel Irwin, D.S.O., M.C. on 'Air Raid Precautions.'

7.50 p.m.—His Excellency the Governor

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Prue Lewis (Violin) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1. Molly on the Shore (Percy Grainger).

2. Sussex Mimmers Xmas Carol (Percy Grainger).

Prue Lewis accomp. by Lindsay Lafford.

3. Three English Dances (York Bowen):—(a) Country Dance, (b) Morris Dance, (c) Gig Dance.

Lindsay Lafford.

4. Lotus Land (Cyril Scott-Kreisler)

5. Breath o' June (J. B. McEwen)

6. English Dance (B. J. Dale)

Prue Lewis accomp. by Lindsay Lafford.

8.25 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Hybrias, The Gretan (Elliott).

I Fear No Fox (Pinsuti).

The Shepherd Boy's Song (Pepper).

8.35 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra. Puccini—Potpourri.

8.45 p.m.—London Relay—The Band Waggon' with Arthur Askey, Reginald Foort at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ and the Band Waggoners conducted by Phil Gardew. Production by Gordon Grier and Harry S. Pepper.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Beethoven—'Moonlight' Sonata (in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2) played by Ignace Jan Paderewski.

10.03 p.m.—New Symphony Orchestra and Angela Parselles (Soprano) 'Merrie England'—Selection (Edward German)...Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

The Nightingale Song (Wynne & Zeller).

The Piper From Over The Way (Taylor & Brahe)...Angela Parselles.

'Le Cid' Ballet Music (Massenet). Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

10.35 p.m.—Sibelius' Songs.

Flickan Kom Iffran Sin Alsklings Mote.

Sav, Sav, Susa (Schilfrohr, Saus'le)

Op. 36, No. 4...Marian Anderson

(Contralto) with piano accomp. by Kosti Vehanen.

10.42 p.m.—Sibelius—Symphonic Poem 'Night-Ride And Sunrise,' Op. 55

played by The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

11 p.m.—Close down.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

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G.M.T.

8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. Music Hall.

9.15 a.m.—'Empire Exchange.'

9.30 a.m.—The Gershom Parkington Quintet.

Sibelius' Symphonic Poem: B.B.C. Orchestra

10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.

10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—

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GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'The Overcoat.' The short story by Nicolai Gogol.

11.15 a.m.—'Folk-songs of the British Isles.'

11.35 a.m.—The BBC Symphony Orchestra.

12.15 p.m.—'Markheim,' by Robert Louis Stevenson.

12.45 p.m.—'The Band Waggon.'

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (18.97 m.)

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

GSG 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)

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1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.

2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. 'Take your Choice.' A weekly entertainment feature.

2.30 p.m.—'A Theme and a Song': Songs about Eyes.

2.40 p.m.—Classical Music.

3.00 p.m.—'Georgian Melodies.'

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Violoncello Recital by Marie Dare.

4.40 p.m.—'The Private Soldier'—1. A talk by Ian Hay.

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Fine Co-Operation

As though to prove that the tremendous match-point score amassed had not been a matter of pure luck, the pair I was kibitzing wound up in a blaze of glory. It was the only East-West team in the room to defeat four spades on the following hand:

NORTH

S.—A K
H.—K J 8 3
D.—7 2
C.—10 6 5 4 3

WEST

EAST

S.—J S.—7 6 3
H.—A Q 7 6 4 H.—10 5
D.—K J 9 D.—Q 10 5 4 3
C.—K Q J 7 C.—A 9 2

SOUTH

S.—Q 10 9 8 5 4 2
H.—9 2
D.—A 8 6
C.—8

The bidding [neither side vulnerable]:

North	East	South	West
1 club	Pass	1 spade	Double
Pass	2 diamonds	3 spades	Pass
4 spades	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's three spade bid was a distinct stretch but, due to the excellent "fit" he found, the defence had to be extraordinarily good to defeat the contract.

West opened the club king and, after he saw the dummy, promptly shifted to the spade jack. Dummy

led a diamond, and East made a beautiful play: *He put up the ten-spot!* Declarer won, and led the nine of hearts toward dummy. West ducked, and the jack held the trick. Declarer then ruffed a club and led another heart. West could not afford to stay off again, hence grabbed his ace, and then led the diamond jack. East overtook with the queen, and returned a spade. Declarer led the heart king, with the intention of dumping his losing diamond. But East ruffed, and declarer's last hope was gone; he had to surrender another diamond, for a one trick defeat.

Rarely have I seen finer co-operation than East and West's on this hand. It should be noted that, with the spade jack dropping, declarer could well afford to ruff a losing diamond in the dummy if the opponents were to permit it. How many players in East's position would put up the ten of diamonds, second hand? Without that play there would have been no defence.

With East playing low, declarer would merely pass the trick into West, and the latter would be unable to remove dummy's second trump. Thus, the defenders never could have prevented a diamond ruff.

West's co-operation with East's play was equally worthy of mention. He had to lay off the first heart lead and take the second, then had to avoid the pitfall of laying down the diamond king.

Whatever gifts had been made to this East-West pair on previous hands, it had certainly earned its "top" on this particular board.

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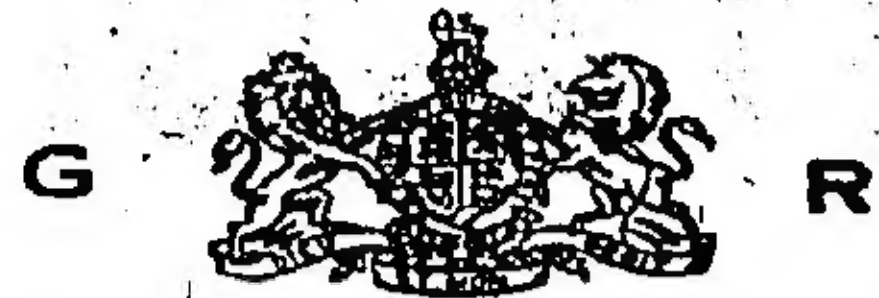
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TOKYO PAPERS ALLEGE NAVAL LEGERDEMAIN

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan must consider counter-measures to meet the situation caused by the plans of Britain, the United States and France to expand their naval establishments, declares "Kokumin," the popular daily.

Knowing full well that Japan would decline such a request, the three powers asked Tokyo for information on naval building in order to "obtain an excuse for construction of super-dreadnoughts which they deem necessary to uphold their honour."

Judging from the announced plans of naval construction, "it is obvious that the Japanese reply — whether acceptance or refusal — would not affect the adopted programme at least."

NICHI-NICHI COMMENT

In an editorial entitled "Rejection of the Tri-Partite Request Natural," the "Nichi-Nichi" declares that the three powers' request for information was motivated by the

JAPANESE DISREGARD OPPOSITION

Tokyo, To-day.

Disregarding growing opposition abroad, the Japanese Olympic Organising Committee is calmly and confidently continuing preparations for the 13th Olympic Games here in 1940.

Meanwhile, messages from Vancouver report the arrival there of Mr. Matsuzo Nagai, Japan's delegate to the International Olympic Conference to be held at Cairo in early March.—Reuter.

desire to justify their naval expansion by Japan's refusal to submit confidential information.

Pointing out that such an attitude is "regrettable from the standpoint of international faith and friendship thus far exhibited by Japan," the journal says that the three Powers apparently aim at realising qualitative restriction in a manner benefiting themselves alone.

If the powers really desire to bring about disarmament, they must rectify the contradiction they are committing by insisting on expansion of their naval strength due to the Japanese refusal to submit information.—Reuter.

FRENCH EXCITEMENT

Paris, To-day.

News of the detention of the "President Doumer" has created considerable excitement in Paris.

Press comment is being withheld apparently until the French Foreign Office is in receipt of a report from the French consular authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

GUARANTEE FOR BRITISH RIGHTS IN FAR EAST

Paris, To-day.

Yesterday's ceremonies at Singapore are featured prominently in the Paris newspapers.

The "Paris Midi" says in an editorial that the strengthened and modernised Singapore base constitutes not only a sure guarantee for protection of vital British interests in the Far East but also for the safety of the Far Eastern possessions of France and the Netherlands, since the base will be placed at the disposal of French warships which defend Indo-China and also at the disposal of Dutch warships and planes from the East Indies.

The paper calls the opening of the base an "international event of imminent political and military importance."

GAINED IMPORTANCE

The "Paris Soir" says that in view of the Japanese threat to all European possessions in the Far East, the inauguration ceremonies gained a significance which could not fail to attract widespread attention.—Trans-Ocean.

The official opening of the Singapore naval base was prominently featured in every newspaper in Britain.

BROADCAST REPEATED

Press reports were supplemented by a broadcast from Singapore of the inauguration ceremonies at the graving dock.

Since Singapore time is six hours ahead of Greenwich time, most people in the British Isles were at work when the ceremony took place in Singapore.

Records of the original broadcast were made from which the broadcast was repeated by the B. B. C. yesterday evening.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW OFFENSIVE IN SHANSI

Linfan, To-day.

The Japanese forces in Shansi are making preparations for the renewal of the campaign against the Chinese in southern Shansi.

Hundreds of lorryloads of Japanese troops, tanks and artillery corps are moving towards Taiyuan and Chiao-cheng from Tatung. The Japanese garrison at Taiyuan has been greatly augmented.—Hua Nan.

THIRTY BURIED IN LANDSLIDE

Budapest, To-day.

Thirty workers were buried beneath a huge fall of rock in a quarry at the foot of the Matra Mountains yesterday.

Rescue parties so far have extricated only five of the men. All of them are in a serious condition.—Trans-Ocean.

CHARGE OF FRAUDULENT CONVERSION

Chung Pik-sheung, manager of a boarding house in Connaught Road, was this morning charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with the fraudulent conversion of money entrusted to him on different dates for passage to Singapore.

Defendant was given \$130 on November 5 by Tse Kong, and \$150 on November 16 by Lo Kong to purchase tickets. Nothing was done and though the complainants saw the defendant several times he put them off. The matter was taken to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs where defendant was given time to repay the money but this was not done.

Defendant was remanded on \$500 bail for four days so that he could raise the money.

CANADA'S NEUTRALITY

Ottawa, To-day.

Canada's attitude towards the Sino-Japanese conflict was defined by the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, in a reply to a question in the Canadian House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Mackenzie King said that Canada intended to maintain strict neutrality, and would contribute, in collaboration with other governments as the opportunity afforded, to movements destined to restore peace in the Orient through methods of conciliation.—Reuter.

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